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AIEA Recognizes Dr. Joanna Regulska with 2022 Charles Klasek Award for Outstanding Service to the Field of International Higher Education

New Orleans, LA (February 21, 2022)— The Association of International Education Administrators (AIEA) is pleased to announce Dr. Joanna Regulska, Vice Provost and Dean of Global Affairs at the University of California, Davis, as the 2021 Charles Klasek Award recipient.

Conceived as a tribute to Charles Klasek’s outstanding contributions both to International Higher Education and to AIEA, the Klasek Award is presented each year at AIEA’s annual conference to individuals with a record of longstanding and exceptional service to the field. “Chuck” Klasek was a founding member and the third president of AIEA in addition to his achievements at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale.

Regulska has more than 30 years of experience in higher education and in international education. At UC Davis, Regulska oversees the university’s central global office. Prior to joining UC Davis, Regulska was Rutgers first vice president for international and global affairs, having led a major effort to build Rutgers’s first centralized international office: the Centers for Global Advancement and International Affairs.

Regulska has received numerous accolades as, for example, being named an inaugural member of the 2021 National Academy for International Education, receiving the 2020 APLU’s Platinum Institutional Award for Global Learning, Research and Engagement, the 2019 and first-ever Senior International Officer Award from the Institute of International Education (IIE), and NAFSA’s Senator Paul Simon Award for Comprehensive Campus Internationalization on two occasions – in 2020, with UC Davis, and in 2014, while at Rutgers.

Regulska founded the Local Democracy Partnership Program and serves on the Founder Board of The Foundation in Support of Local Democracy, the largest NGO in Poland. In recognition of her



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work, the President of Poland awarded Regulska the Cavalier Cross of the Order of Merit of the Republic of Poland (in 1996), the Knight's Cross of the Order of Restitution of the Republic of Poland (in 2004), and the Commander's Cross of the Order of Polonia Restituta (in 2014).

A respected scholar, Regulska's research concentrates on women's political activism, grassroots mobilization, decentralization, democracy and democratization, with a focus on Europe and the Caucasus. She is the author or co-author of eight books, author of over 100 articles, chapters and reviews, and member of numerous advisory boards. Her commitment to diversity, social justice, and the empowerment of women led her to establish graduate degree programs in gender studies at the Central European University in Hungary and Tbilisi State University in Georgia. In 2011, she received a Doctor Honoris Causa from Tbilisi State University.

AIEA congratulates Dr. Joanna Regulska as this year's Klasek Award recipient.

About AIEA:

The Association of International Education Administrators (AIEA) is a member organization that equips leaders to shape the future of higher education in a global context.

AIEA advances strategic transformational approaches to internationalization of higher education; empowers those who lead such efforts; convenes global conversation on key issues; and partners with other organizations around the world to develop sustainable, forward-looking perspectives.