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Office of the Senior Vice President and Provost

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Dear Colleagues,

I write to share an update on the interim leadership at two of our colleges: the College of Professional and Continuing Studies (PACS) and the Honors College. Both of these changes are effective July 1 and pending final approval of the OU Board of Regents.

In PACS, Interim Dean Gregg Garn will be returning full-time to his role as Vice President for Online Learning. Dr. Garn's leadership in the online education space has been invaluable to PACS' growth and stability over the past two years. It has been exciting to see PACS' trajectory continue to climb under this leadership, as seen through a spring-to-spring enrollment increase of 38%, a 71% increase in summer credit hour production, and the launch of five new programs last year, with three more programs being added this fall. Thanks to these efforts, PACS is positioned for continued growth and success. With this change, I have asked Dr. Mark Morvant, Senior Vice Provost for Student Success, to serve as Interim Dean of PACS as we search for a permanent dean. Dr. Morvant is deeply dedicated to supporting the academic journey of our students, and with his pioneering approach to online learning and teaching, the future of PACS is in good hands.

In the Honors College, in light of Interim Dean Kelvin White's planned sabbatical for the fall semester, I have selected Dr. Michael Markham to serve as Interim Dean while we continue our national search for the college's permanent dean. Dr. Markham serves as Associate Dean for Academic Programs in the Dodge Family College of Arts and Sciences and is Case-Hooper Professor of Biology. He has been an integral part of OU's academic community since joining the university in 2011, and we are grateful that he will remain as Associate Dean in DFCAS as he takes on this additional responsibility in the Honors College, where his leadership and commitment to scholarly excellence will ensure the college's stature continues to climb. As a biologist, his research laboratory focuses on the neurobiology of animal communication signals, their development, endocrine control, and evolutionary context.

Please join me in congratulating Dr. Morvant and Dr. Markham on their appointments, and in recognizing Dr. Garn and Dr. White for their continued dedication to OU.

Cheers,

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