

MSU Faculty and Staff:

I would like to take this opportunity to share some important personnel announcements with you.

1. After several years of outstanding service as the Associate Provost for Research and Dean of the Graduate School, Dr. Mike Henson has announced his retirement effective June 30, 2020. Mike has provided exceptional leadership in this areas of research and sponsored programs as well as at the graduate school. Mike has been a consistently strong advocate for his areas of responsibility as well as the university in general. We will certainly miss Mike's contributions but wish him well in retirement. I am currently discussing plans for managing Mike's departure with President Morgan and hope to share those details soon.
2. Dennis McKay, having served in multiple roles at MSU for many years is retiring at the end of May, 2020. Dennis's most recent assignment has been as Director, MSU at Mt. Sterling where he continued the work of his predecessors in maintaining Mt. Sterling as a leading regional center for Morehead State. I know each of you will join me in congratulating Dennis on his retirement and to thank him for his countless contributions to our mission of serving our eastern Kentucky region.
3. Dr. Chris Miller is accepting a new role as Professor of Education/Director MSU at Mt. Sterling following Dennis McKay's retirement. Chris has been a long-standing academic leader at Morehead State, serving as both a department chair and as dean of the College of Education. We look forward to Chris continuing the good work and strong programs as the Director MSU at Mt. Sterling. His combination of a strong education background, administrative experience, and familiarity of the Mt. Sterling area will serve us well going forward. Chris will be stepping into this new role on July 1.
4. After internal searches, Dr. John Nelson and Dr. Scott Davison will be assuming new roles on July 1 as the deans of the Smith College of Business and Technology and the Caudill College of Arts Humanities and Social Sciences, respectively. Both bring a wealth of experience to these important leadership positions. Dr. Nelson has a strong background in leadership training along with experience as the Associate Dean, School of Business Administration. Dr. Davison has been on the faculty at MSU for 25 years, having served not only as an outstanding faculty member, but also with time as department chair. Both are well-prepared for these important leadership roles.

I would like to personally congratulate both Mike and Dennis on their outstanding accomplishments at MSU and to congratulate them on their impending and well-deserved retirements. I would like, also, to congratulate Dr. Miller, Dr. Nelson, and Dr. Davison on their new roles. I have the utmost confidence in each to provide strong and effective leadership at MSU for years to come.

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