



The UNIVERSITY of OKLAHOMA®
Office of the Senior Vice President and Provost

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Dear Colleagues,

I'm writing to share that David Wrobel, Dean of the Dodge Family College of Arts and Sciences, has accepted a role at Stony Brook University as its new Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. This comes as bittersweet news, as we are thrilled for him and this wonderful opportunity, but we will greatly miss him. His last official day at OU will be July 31.

Dean Wrobel joined the OU faculty in 2011 and was appointed permanent dean of the Dodge Family College of Arts and Sciences in June 2018, steering the college forward ever since. Under his leadership, over the last six years the college's endowment has grown from \$81 million to over \$246 million, and he has been instrumental in securing major gifts, including the transformational gift from the Dodge family, which led to the college's naming. He has directed the launch of many new initiatives, such as the creation of the college's Strategic Plan and the establishment of the School of Biological Sciences, the Dodge Family Scholars undergraduate scholarship and cohort program, and the new Student Success and Advising Center.

As we begin the search for the next Dean of Arts and Sciences, I have asked OU Graduate College Dean Randall Hewes to step in as Interim Dean, pending final Regents' approval. We are immensely grateful that he will continue serving as Dean of the Graduate College as he takes on this additional responsibility.

Please join me in thanking Dean Wrobel for his significant contributions to the university and wishing him well in his next chapter, and in congratulating Dr. Hewes on his new appointment.

Sincerely,

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Senior Vice President and Provost, Norman Campus