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Office of the Senior Vice President and Provost

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Dear Colleagues,

Today I write with an update regarding the leadership of the Gaylord College of Journalism and Mass Communication.

In March, Dean Ed Kelley announced his plans to retire, effective June 30, 2023. Over the last eight years, our university and our students have greatly benefited from his steady leadership. An alumnus of the journalism program he now leads, Dean Kelley spent over four decades in news before returning to his alma mater in his current capacity, and his experience and professional connections have been an invaluable asset to the college and, most importantly, our students. His contributions have helped to raise the national profile of the college, and we are incredibly proud that, for the second year in a row, Gaylord College was recently named the No. 2 overall media program in the country by the Broadcast Education Association. We truly wish him the best as he enters retirement.

As the university prepares to conduct a national search for the next Dean of Gaylord College, I am pleased to announce that on July 1, David Craig will begin serving as Interim Dean, pending OU Board of Regents' approval.

Dr. Craig has been with Gaylord College since 1996, when he joined the faculty as an assistant professor. He served for 14 years as the college's Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. His other administrative responsibilities in the college have included serving as Director of Graduate Studies and Interim Area Head of Journalism. He teaches journalism ethics and graduate research courses, and he has been awarded the President's Associates Presidential Professorship and has held a Gaylord endowed chair since 2019. He also currently serves as the college's undergraduate assessment liaison and is a member of its Undergraduate Curriculum Committee.

Dr. Craig's career has included authoring two books on journalism ethics, and he has been published in numerous journals and other professional publications. He spent nine years as a news copy editor at the *Lexington (Kentucky) Herald-Leader*. He also takes calls for the national Ethics AdviceLine for Journalists and is a member of the Editorial Advisory Board of the *Journal of Media Ethics*.

Please join me in congratulating Dr. Craig and thanking him for his continued dedication to the University of Oklahoma, and in expressing our deep appreciation to Dean Kelley as he approaches his next chapter.

Sincerely,

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