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Dear OU Community,

I'm pleased to share the appointment of Dr. Robert Palmer as the next Dean of the College of Atmospheric and Geographic Sciences and Director of the National Weather Center. He will officially begin this new role on July 1, 2025, pending final approval of the OU Board of Regents.

Dr. Palmer, an internationally recognized leader in radar meteorology, has been an integral part of the OU scientific and academic community for over two decades. Following the passing of Dr. Berrien Moore III in December, Dr. Palmer graciously stepped in to serve as the Interim Director of the National Weather Center, while AGS Executive Associate Dean Dr. Petra Klein assumed the role of Interim Dean. We are deeply grateful to both Dr. Palmer and Dr. Klein for their steady leadership and dedicated service during this time of transition.

Over the course of his career, Dr. Palmer has made landmark contributions to the field of radar meteorology and helped shape the university's world-renowned leadership in atmospheric sciences. Shortly after arriving at OU in 2004 as the Tommy C. Craighead Chair in the School of Meteorology, he established the Advanced Radar Research Center, which has since become the largest academic radar program in the nation and a globally recognized leader in radar innovation.

In his current roles as the Executive Director of the ARRC and Associate Vice President for Research and Partnerships, Dr. Palmer has strengthened OU's research enterprise through strategic partnerships across government, industry, and international institutions. These efforts have significantly expanded the university's research capabilities and elevated its global prestige.

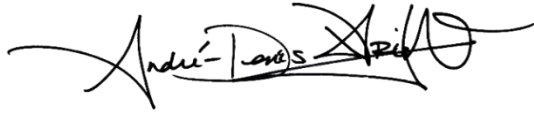
A pioneer in the development and commercialization of cutting-edge observational technologies, Dr. Palmer has consistently aligned his research with emerging national priorities in atmospheric science. His work centers on the application of advanced radar signal processing techniques to observations of severe weather, particularly related to phased-array radars and other innovative system designs.

He is a prolific publisher, holds multiple patents, and has secured more than \$115 million in competitive research funding. Dr. Palmer is a Fellow of both the American Meteorological Society and the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers – recognitions that reflect his commitment to interdisciplinary excellence.

He is a three-time alumnus of the University of Oklahoma, having earned his bachelor's, master's, and doctorate degrees in electrical engineering. Before joining the faculty of his alma mater, he held faculty and research appointments at the University of Nebraska and Clemson University.

Dr. Palmer's accomplishments speak to a career spent pushing the boundaries of knowledge, and we are fortunate to have such a distinguished leader at the helm of the College of Atmospheric and Geographic Sciences and the National Weather Center. Please join me in wishing him well as he leads these vital institutions into an exciting new chapter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "André-Denis Wright". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial 'A' and a long horizontal line extending to the right.

André-Denis G. Wright  
Senior Vice President and Provost, Norman Campus