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Dear Colleagues,

I'm writing to share that Corey Phelps, Dean of the Michael F. Price College of Business, has been named the new Dean of the Smeal College of Business at Penn State University. His last day with us will be July 12. While we are delighted for him and this tremendous opportunity, we will deeply miss him at OU.

Dean Phelps joined OU and Price College in 2020. His dedication and progressive thinking have propelled the college forward to ensure OU is at the forefront of business education. Under his leadership, Price College became the second-largest and fastest-growing college on the Norman campus in terms of student enrollment, credit hour production, and online program revenue generation. Dean Phelps also led the creation of Price College's Bigger, Broader, Better Strategic Plan and initiated and oversaw a comprehensive rebranding and integrated marketing campaign for the college. As part of OU's Lead On campaign, Dean Phelps led Price College's fundraising strategy and helped raise over \$107 million, including the largest and second-largest gifts in the college's history.

Pending final approval by the OU Board of Regents, starting July 13, Laku Chidambaram will serve as Interim Dean of Price College as our dean search gets underway. Dr. Chidambaram currently serves as the Senior Associate Dean for Academic Programs and Engagement at Price College and holds the Michael F. Price Chair in Business. In his role, he oversees the master's, executive, and undergraduate programs in the college. As a prolific publisher and respected professor, his work has, and will continue to, elevate the Price College of Business.

Please join me in thanking Dean Phelps for his significant contributions to OU and wishing him well in his next professional role, and in congratulating Dr. Chidambaram on his new appointment.

Sincerely,

André-Denis G. Wright, Ph.D.  
Senior Vice President and Provost (Norman campus)