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Susan Edwards of Appalachian State named provost of Wright State

Dear Campus Community,

Susan Edwards

I am pleased to announce that Susan Edwards has agreed to serve as the executive vice president for academic affairs and provost of Wright State University. Dr. Edwards will join us on July 30, succeeding Thomas Sudkamp, who has served as our provost since 2015.

Dr. Edwards has served as vice provost and professor of biology at Appalachian State in Boone, North Carolina, since August 2015.



At Appalachian State, Dr. Edwards is responsible for overseeing all areas of faculty evaluation and development and serves as the academic affairs liaison on all personnel matters. She is also the legislated responsible officer for free speech on campus and currently oversees the Office of Equity, Diversity, and Compliance.

Her wide-ranging experience as a teacher, researcher, and administrator, her leadership skills, and her personal commitment to student success make her the perfect leader to join our university at this time.

Dr. Edwards received unanimous support from our search committee, whose 14 members represented a cross section of the university, as well as community leaders. She also resonated personally with many of the faculty, staff, students, and community members who met with her during her visit to our campus. Those who interacted with her said they were impressed with her ability to listen closely, analyze questions quickly, and communicate clearly.

Dr. Edwards' colleagues have told me she fosters innovation and motivates and inspires others.

Her background also aligns well with the breadth of experiences we offer, from associate degrees to professional schools and doctorate programs to regional campuses, such as our Lake Campus. She has worked at a variety of institutions, including a world-class global research university and Appalachian State, which is committed to student success and student-centered research at both the undergraduate and graduate levels.

Over the next several months, Dr. Edwards will stay in regular communication with me, Provost Sudkamp, other university leaders, and faculty and staff to ensure a smooth and effective transition.

I want to thank our Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost Search Committee and our dedicated support staff for helping to lead this successful search.

I also want to thank everyone who participated in our candidate meetings and forums and provided valuable feedback during the search.

Please join me in welcoming Dr. Edwards to the Wright State family.

Warmest regards,

Cheryl B. Schrader
President

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