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Good afternoon, Colleagues,

It gives me great pleasure to announce that pending approval by the OSU/A&M Board of Regents at their upcoming meeting on April 26, the position of Dean of the Graduate College has been filled. **Dr. Melanie Morgan** has accepted the position of Dean and Professor with tenure in the School of Media and Strategic Communications.

Currently, Dr. Morgan serves as Associate Dean in the Graduate School at Purdue University and a Professor in the Brian Lamb School of Communication. As Associate Dean, Dr. Morgan oversees a staff of 20 full-time employees across several areas within the graduate school: Admissions, Graduate Student Records, Thesis and Dissertations, Graduate Program Office, The Fellowship Office, and Professional Development. Dr. Morgan has received multiple grants from the Council of Graduate Schools to study the career paths of doctoral students and their career preparation. She has led a campus-wide initiative to study the effectiveness of graduate student mentoring relationships across campus. This led to the implementation of a mentoring fellow program in the academic colleges across the Purdue system.

Dr. Morgan was one of three finalists brought to campus following an intensive national search that began in the fall and included virtual interviews, campus interviews, and directed and non-directed reference calls. Additionally, Dr. Morgan received significant support from the many individuals and groups involved in the interview process.

I would like to thank Interim Vice Provost and Dean Craig Freeman, Chair of the Search and Screening Committee, and all Committee members for their significant efforts to recruit an outstanding pool of candidates. President Shrum and I are confident we succeeded in identifying the individual best suited to lead the Graduate College, and we look forward to Dr. Morgan joining the OSU leadership team.

Please join me in congratulating Dr. Melanie Morgan on this appointment and welcoming her to Oklahoma State!

Best,

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