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OSU's dean of Arts and Sciences announces retirement

STILLWATER, Okla.-Peter M.A. Sherwood, dean of OSU College of Arts and Sciences, announced his retirement, Sept. 22. He will retire from his position at the end of July 2012. Sherwood served as a faculty member for 42 years and has had a distinguished career at Oklahoma State University.

He serves a college of 24 departments and about 700 faculty and staff covering the fine arts, humanities, social sciences and the sciences. Sherwood started as dean in July 2004. During his time as dean, about half of the faculty in the college was hired and numbers of minority faculty have tripled. He is proud of the high quality teaching and research in the college, which is responsible for 55 percent of all the instruction at OSU. Sherwood is appreciative of the support provided to the college by donors, with funding levels approaching \$12 million annually.

Several new graduate programs have been established. Improvements in campus facilities, a review program of the academic departments and interdisciplinary centers have enhanced the work environment for students and faculty. Research activities grew significantly.

Sherwood is a surface scientist and a Regents Professor of Physics. He has authored and co authored more than 210 publications, given nearly 130 invited research lectures at universities, research centers and conferences and mentored 30 graduate students.

“Please join me in congratulating and thanking Peter for his distinguished service and contributions to OSU. He continues to serve as a role model for all of us, and I am most fortunate to have had him serve as part of my administrative team this past year,” said Robert J. Sternberg, OSU provost and senior vice president.

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