
Subject: New Provost, Transformational New Package

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Dear Campus Community,

I am excited to announce that following a comprehensive, national search process Emporia State University has a new Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Brent Thomas.

Dr. Thomas was selected for his leadership, his ability to forge relationships and for his vision for the future of Emporia State University. During his time at ESU Brent has proven to be an exceptional leader who has been critical in helping ESU plan a bright new future. Brent is a first-generation college student who has always had his sights set on an advanced degree. He since graduated with a Ph.D. in Biological Sciences and has grown his career from Associate Professor in the Department of Biological Sciences at ESU to Dean of the College of Liberal Arts + Sciences and now Provost.

Throughout his career he has demonstrated extraordinary ability to collaborate, build relationships within his department, across his college and with fellow ESU colleagues, donors and community. He has been advancing Emporia State University for 17 years and has committed to continuing to lead ESU as we elevate student programs and experiences.

Additionally, I am pleased to announce that Brent was presented a variety of contract options as he took on his new role. In his first act of leadership, Dr. Thomas chose a first-of-its-kind, performance-based agreement. It is this type of transformative, visionary thinking and action that sets ESU apart for both students and employees of the university.

I want to thank the Search Committee who invested time and energy to conduct a thorough process that identified excellent candidates as well as everyone who met with and provided feedback on the candidates. Next steps on filling the role of Dean of the College of Liberal Arts + Sciences will be shared in the very near future.

Please join me in congratulating Brent on his achievements and his new role. I know we will

continue to see great things from him as he leads Emporia State University, and together we build a great future.

With ESU Pride,



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President

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