New Executive Director Named at ESU’s Jones Institute

Dr. Roger Caswell has been named the executive director of the Jones Institute for Educational Excellence at Emporia State University.

Caswell stepped into his new role upon the retirement of Dr. Larry Clark. Clark was the head of JIEE for the past eight years. Before coming to ESU, Clark was the superintendent at Burlington USD 244 from 1984-2000.

“The Jones Institute for Educational Excellence is often in the position of defining and leading the pulse for what is best in education,” said Caswell. “I plan to lead this charge to purposefully respond to current needs with a vision for the future.”

Caswell has been with JIEE since June 2006 when he became director of the Great Plains Center for National Teacher Certification. A national board certified teacher, Caswell will remain the interim director of the center.

Before coming to ESU, Caswell was a teacher in USD 320 Wamego and USD 378 Riley County. He has more than 20 years of K-12 teaching experience, mostly at the middle school level. He taught in Idaho and Kansas.

Caswell started his education at the University of Michigan, completing an undergraduate degree in English. He has a master’s from Kansas State University in secondary education and a PhD from KSU in curriculum and instruction.

JIEE is a non-profit organization partially funded by the Walter S. and Evan C. Jones Trust of Lyon County, Kansas. Additional funding and services are made possible through sales, grants, contracts, and the State of Kansas.

Since its inception in 1982, JIEE has been an educational resource to The Teachers College. The institute provides leadership to the profession through encouraging pre-college students to consider teaching as a career, provides access to educational experts through pre-service and in-service activities, and supports on-going mentoring and career development for those who have entered the profession.

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