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Office of the Senior Vice President and Provost

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Dear Colleagues,

I am pleased to announce that Dr. Wayne Riggs has been named the Director of the Center for Faculty Excellence, effective June 14, pending final approval by the OU Board of Regents.

Dr. Riggs currently is a professor in the Department of Philosophy and affiliate faculty in the Women's and Gender Studies Department at OU. Building on his established area of expertise in epistemology, his recent scholarly work has focused on intellectual virtues. His interdisciplinary edited volume, "The Virtue of Open-Mindedness and Perspective," is scheduled for publication by Oxford University Press later this year.

Beyond his academic contributions, Dr. Riggs brings a wealth of leadership experience and a strong commitment to university service. He chaired the Shyam Dev Patwardhan Department of Philosophy from 2012-2022 and served six years on the OU Faculty Senate Executive Committee, including one year as Chair. His dedication was recognized in 2019 when he received the Regents' Award for Superior Professional and University Service and Public Outreach.

Dr. Riggs earned his Ph.D. and M.A. in Philosophy from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and his B.A. in Philosophy from Texas A&M University.

As we prepare to welcome Dr. Riggs into his new role, we also extend our gratitude to Dr. Megan Elwood-Madden, who has guided countless faculty members in the many facets of their career development since being in her role as Director of the Center for Faculty Excellence in 2020. We wish her the best as she transitions out of her position at the end of this semester.

Please join me in congratulating Dr. Riggs on his selection for this leadership role.

Sincerely,

André-Denis G. Wright
Senior Vice President and Provost, Norman Campus