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Office of the Senior Vice President and Provost

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Dear Colleagues and ROTC Students,

I write today with exciting news for the future of the OU's Reserve Officers' Training Corps programs that will provide improved support for the units. Beginning July 1, the ROTC units will transition from their current academic home within University College to the Dodge Family College of Arts and Sciences.

First, and most importantly, I want to assure our ROTC students that their student experience will not be interrupted. The University of Oklahoma remains wholeheartedly committed to our ROTC units and programs. Having served in the armed forces myself, this is a pledge I take seriously and personally. Aligning the ROTC units within OU's largest college will offer greater resources to support the distinct preparation of these student leaders while firmly upholding ROTC's mission.

The University College and the Dodge Family College of Arts and Sciences are working closely together to ensure a smooth transition and that our ROTC students are supported and have an environment conducive to their academic success. ROTC students can also expect the following to remain unchanged through this transition:

- Their commander and cadre members, other than changes already in place by the military.
- The OU administrative assistants assigned by OU to support the ROTC unit operations.
- The physical locations for our ROTC programs: the OU Armory (Army ROTC and Naval/Marine ROTC) and Cate Center 4 (Air Force ROTC).

Our continual progress toward the fulfillment of our "Lead On, University" Strategic Plan requires us to consistently assess how we approach programmatic, operational, and financial decisions. Together, with University College's Interim Dean Mark Morvant and Acting Dean Ken Petersen, and DFCAS Dean David Wrobel, we found that relocating ROTC's academic home would best serve these students and ensure they are well-positioned for success.

Offering our students an unparalleled educational experience will always be our primary focus at the University of Oklahoma. This, of course, includes the unique support allotted to the young men and women who serve in our ROTC programs. We are thrilled about the opportunities that lie ahead for OU ROTC, making this a truly exciting moment. I extend my gratitude for your valuable support.

Sincerely,

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Senior Vice President and Provost