

# OU business dean quits for new job

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The dean of Oakland University's School of Business Administration has resigned to accept a similar post with Kent State University in Ohio.

George Stevens, who came to OU in July 1990, said he will stay on until June 1995.

Stevens said OU is "a good place to be," and that leaving "is not a question of running away from anything here."

Stevens is the ninth high-level OU administrator to resign his post since university President Sandra Packard was hired two years ago.

The others who have resigned since November 1992 are vice presidents Frank Cardimone Jr., John DeCarlo, Robert McGarry, Keith Kleckner, Wilma Ray-Bledsoe, deans John Urice, Gerald Pine and athletic director Paul Hartman.

At the time Stevens joined Oakland, he was quoted in a press release saying that his new job was "a fantastic opportunity in a wonderful setting and academic environment."

Last June the university announced that the School of Business Administration was re-accredited by the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business, making Oakland one of six schools in the state and 303 nationwide to receive such accreditation.

OU's accounting program was accredited by the AACSB for the first time this year.

In the same press release, Packard said that the accreditation puts the School of Business Administration "in very exclusive company and recognizes the high quality of the business school."

Stevens credits the superb performance of OU's business school with opening up the opportunity for him to leave Oakland for Kent State.

"This opportunity I have is a reflection of the accomplishments of the business school," he said.

Stevens' previous job was at the University of Central Florida, where he was professor of management and interim dean of the College of Business Administration.

Oakland University Board of Trustees members Bob Fisher, Andrea Fischer and David Handelman did not return the Eccentric's phone calls by press time.

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Trustees Howard Sims, David Handelman and Andrea Fischer were absent.

The board assigned vice president for student affairs Mary Beth Snyder to appoint a committee of students, staff and faculty to recommend five students for the two jobs.

University President Sandra

Packard will make the final selections.

The chosen two will be permitted to attend all open meetings of the board for one year and make occasional reports on board activities to student groups.

The students will not be permitted to attend closed sessions of the board.

To be eligible for one of these jobs, a student must have a minimum grade point average of 2.5, have earned a minimum of 50 credit hours (of which 28 are at OU), agree not to hold other elected or appointed leadership positions and have no record of disciplinary action at OU or another school.

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