

Chancellor's assistant retires after 27 years

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After more than 27 years at UW Oshkosh, Mary Olson will retire as of Feb. 8. When Mary gave notice in December, the human resources office performed a comprehensive functional analysis of the Chancellor's office to enhance services. As a result of the recommendations based on the interviews and information collected, the Chancellor has decided to make changes in the functions of the office.

"Mary Olson is a key member of the office team. She has provided almost three decades of outstanding, one-of-a-kind service to our University and broader community. Her jersey will now have to be retired," said Chancellor Wells.

After serving six years in the Chancellor's office, including providing back up to Mary Olson, Mary Simon is taking over the responsibilities of that position. Beginning Feb. 4, when calling 424-0200, you will be talking to Mary Simon.

"I have the utmost confidence in the abilities of Mary Simon," said Chancellor Wells. "I am assured of a smooth transition with her taking over the helm of the office."

"We will be starting a recruitment very soon for a .75 percent program assistant confidential to assume Mary Simon's previous responsibilities," said Beth Heuer, director of the Office of Human Resources.

Professor Susan Nuernberg, who has been serving in a Leadership Fellowship role in the Chancellor's office since 2004, has been working primarily on strategic planning and communication projects. That position was extended so that Susan could play an integral role in preparing the "Self Study" report for the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) and in launching the Liberal Education Reform Team.

"The HLC evaluation team found UW Oshkosh's administrative structure 'lean' and our senior academic leadership areas to be 'understaffed'," said Provost and Vice Chancellor Lane Earns. The Chancellor has determined that Susan's position needs to be continued for .75 FTE as Chancellor's Assistant for Strategic Planning and Office Communications.

The outcomes of the functional analysis are the opportunities to build upon strengths, address limitations and improve functionalities of the office to serve the campus and community.

Please join the campus in congratulating Mary on her nearly 30 years of engaging, personable, dedicated service to the campus and community.