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Subject: Dr. Dan Miller Introduced as Dean of Jake Jobs College of Business and Entrepreneurship.



Office of the Provost

Dear Colleagues,

Last week, I had the opportunity to meet one-on-one with nearly every faculty and staff member, as well as student leaders, of the Jake Jobs College of Business and Entrepreneurship to discuss the future of the college's leadership. It is clear that the Jake Jobs College of Business and Entrepreneurship is poised for a future of growth that is rich with opportunities to serve our students and community.

Today, I am pleased to introduce Dr. Dan Miller as the interim dean of the Jake Jobs College of Business and Entrepreneurship. Many of you know Dr. Miller as he joined Montana State University in 2008. Since 2014, he has served as chair of the Department of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering, the fastest growing and largest department in the university, with more than 1,400 students.

I selected Dr. Miller for his integrity and his leadership. Without a doubt, Dr. Miller has demonstrated he has the skills, talents and experience for this role. In working with Dr. Miller, you will find someone who listens, asks questions, gives thoughtful consideration to ideas, communicates amply and works to bring teams together to pursue and achieve common goals. Dr. Miller believes that teams can be greater than the sum of their parts and he has a heart of service.

In his role as department head, Dr. Miller has overseen many tenure track and non-tenure track faculty hires as well as expanding the supporting staff. He has been able to greatly increase faculty diversity by hiring highly qualified people from STEM underrepresented groups. He has supervised 54 faculty and staff delivering nearly 20,000 student credit hours annually with research expenditures averaging roughly \$2.5 million per year. Dr. Miller has a long history demonstrating dedication to students and their success. He exemplifies teaching excellence, he mentors students through research and engagement, and he finds fulfillment in seeing his students succeed. In recognition of his contributions in this regard, he was previously selected as

the *Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching US Professor of the Year* for the state of Colorado.

In addition to his department head role, Dr. Miller is the Director of the Applied Research Lab located on the Innovation Campus. In that role, and others throughout his career, Dr. Miller has engaged the business community and industry, primarily supporting high-priority national programs largely focused on technology development and acquisition.

Dr. Miller is originally from Libby, Montana, and received both his undergraduate and doctoral degrees from Montana State University, the latter being in engineering and applied mechanics. He also holds a master's degree in aeronautical engineering from the Air Force Institute of Technology. Dr. Miller has 20 years of higher education experience and previously spent 21 years as an active-duty Air Force officer. After serving on the faculty at the Air Force Academy, his Air Force career culminated as Test Squadron Commander at Arnold AFB in Tennessee; one of three developmental ground test squadrons in the Air Force. In that role, he was responsible for approximately 250 military and civilian personnel with a \$19 million annual budget and \$1.7 billion in test facilities.

In light of important commitments that are slated for the college in the near future (including an AACSB accreditation visit), I have asked Dr. Miller to serve a three year term. He will formally start his position on May 1 and he is excited to start meeting with members of the college immediately.

Please join me in welcoming Dr. Miller to his new responsibilities at the Jake Jabs College of Business and Entrepreneurship.

Sincerely,



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