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Dear Colleagues,

I sadly share the resignation of Craig Seal from his position as dean of the Office of Undergraduate Studies (UGS), effective Jan. 3, 2020. Craig will be spending more time with his family and returning to the Department of Management as a tenured professor.

As dean of UGS, his leadership and contributions have been essential to the advancement of the Graduation Initiative 2025, the quarter-to-semester conversion, and our students. In addition to the development and launch of a more proactive advising model, he has led the expansion of many supplemental learning opportunities and programs. I'm grateful that he will continue to champion student success as a member of our faculty.

Going forward, Deputy Provost Clare Weber will have oversight of the quarter-to-semester conversion and Associate Dean Lesley Davidson-Boyd will serve as interim dean of the Office of Undergraduate Studies.

Lesley has more than 17 years of leadership, management and organizational development experience in higher education. Her areas of expertise include the creation and implementation of operational, program and evaluation plans for student service centers, the development and execution of curricular transformation professional development for faculty and staff, and the administration and reporting of academic advising grants and projects.

She has held several leadership positions since joining our campus in 2010, including director of Student Success for the College of Natural Sciences and assistant dean of the Office of Undergraduate Studies. As demonstrated by her many successes, she is a strong cultivator of faculty, student, campus and community partnerships.

Please join me in welcoming both Lesley and Clare to their new roles. I'm confident their efforts will continue to benefit our campus community.

Best,
Shari

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