

Dear UK Colleagues and Students,

I am excited to announce that Rudy Buchheit has accepted our offer to become the next dean of the University of Kentucky College of Engineering. Dr. Buchheit will begin his work with us on July 1. His appointment is subject to approval by the UK Board of Trustees.

For nearly five years, he has served as Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Administration in the College of Engineering at The Ohio State University, an academic unit comprising more than 350 faculty members, 400 staff members, 8,500 undergraduate students, and 2,200 graduate students.

During his tenure, he supervised the recruitment of a three-year faculty cohort, nearly half of whom came from underrepresented populations, and he oversaw an operating budget of \$240 million, including \$130 million in research expenditures. Rudy is passionate about student and faculty success and the prospect of building upon the College of Engineering's considerable momentum.

I thank the members of the search committee – chaired by Associate Dean Kim Anderson and Dean Janie Heath – for their outstanding work. I also thank Larry Holloway for his steadfast leadership as interim dean of the college.

It is an exciting time at UK. As the semester comes to a close, announcements such as these remind us that our work toward the ambitious goals of our strategic plan continues. Please join me in congratulating and welcoming the newest member of the UK community who will join us in that pursuit.

Regards,

David W. Blackwell
Provost

