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Former Kentucky associate dean brings years of leadership experience, vision to position

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David Puleo

OXFORD, Miss. – David A. Puleo, an administrator nationally respected for his activities in both academics and research, has been named the new dean of the **School of Engineering** at the University of Mississippi.

"Thanks to its leaders over the past 120 years, the (UM) school has a strong foundation, educating generations of engineers, computer scientists and geologists," said Puleo, who assumes his duties at **Ole Miss** on Aug. 27. "The School of Engineering will play a key role in the university's inspiring **Flagship Forward** strategic plan, and I believe my experiences at a large, public flagship university in the Southeast enable me to lead the school forward to 'ever-increasing excellence.'"

A graduate of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, New York, he was the associate dean for research and graduate studies at the University of Kentucky. Puleo, who was a professor in the F. Joseph Halcomb III, M.D. Department of Biomedical Engineering at UK, also founded Regenera Materials LLC, in Lexington, Kentucky.

In providing leadership for research activities, Puleo's responsibilities included approval of all proposal submissions, oversight of College of Engineering centers and institutes, management of facilities and cultivation of research partnerships with academic and nonacademic units. Related to graduate programs, Puleo supervised academic policy development and implementation, new course and program development, graduate student recruitment in partnership with UK's Graduate Studies Team, selection and awarding of College of Engineering graduate student fellowships and graduate program assessment.

"Our School of Engineering remains an integral component of academic excellence and scholarship at the University of Mississippi," said Noel Wilkin, provost and executive vice chancellor for academic affairs. "David Puleo's direction will enhance our already strong and competitive position among institutions of higher learning around the country and beyond its borders."

Puleo's plans are to immerse himself in the culture of Ole Miss and the engineering school. This exercise will set the stage for drafting a strategic plan for the school using a "collaborative visioning" approach that involves stakeholders from all constituencies.

"A key strength of the school is the broad-based and 'high-touch' approach to undergraduate education," Puleo said. "We must maintain that quality of educating the next generations of engineers, computer

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scientists and geologists while also expanding our graduate programs and the highly-related research enterprise.

"The close proximity of multiple other schools, as well as the not-too-distant **UM Medical Center**, provide outstanding transdisciplinary educational and research opportunities."

The new dean's track record includes being a fellow in the International Union of Societies for Biomaterials Science and Engineering, the Biomedical Engineering Society and the American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering. A member of the Advisory Board for Viking Scientific Inc., Puleo received UK's Excellence in Teaching in 2011, 2013 and 2015 and the Dean's Award for Excellence in Research in 2013.

During his 20-year tenure at UK, Puleo also served as assistant and associate professor of biomedical engineering, adjunct associate professor in the College of Dentistry and professor in the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery for Content Management, both in the College of Medicine at the UK Medical Center. He also served as director of the Center for Biomedical Engineering before becoming chair after its conversion to a department.

Puleo and his wife, Sue, have two adult children, Nick and Angie, who are in medical school and college, respectively.

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