



## New Deans Offer Enthusiasm, Experience Promoting Individual Colleges Top Priority

Four new academic deans bring varied scholarship and professional experience, leadership and education as they assume their positions, but all agree they are excited about Weber State University because they believe in its vision and focus on students, its teaching and undergraduate research.

Familiar to many on campus for his work as a computer science professor and two-year chair of Faculty Senate, **David Ferro** was selected as dean of the College of Applied Science & Technology.

Ferro spent much of the summer making the transition. Also this spring, he and his wife, Marjukka Ollilainen, a sociology professor at WSU, spent five weeks teaching in China where they witnessed that nation's ongoing construction boom. Ferro said the experience helped him identify potential international partnership opportunities for the college, especially for the Parson Construction Management Technology Program.

"A dean needs to be a visionary, looking beyond the college to see what possibilities there are," Ferro said. "A dean also needs to be a facilitator, helping people fulfill their potential while moving the whole college in a particular direction. In that role I also need to be a promoter of the college. Our college is full of potential."

Like most of his faculty peers in the college, before moving to academia, Ferro spent years working in industry. Trained as a computer programmer and developer, he served as a staff engineer in companies like UNISYS and Lotus Development. After completing a PhD at Virginia Tech, he

became the senior manager of e-business at Iomega in Roy prior to coming to WSU in 2001.

The new dean of the College of Social & Behavioral Sciences, **Francis Harrold**, comes to WSU from St. Cloud State University in Minnesota, where he has served as the dean of the College of Social Sciences since 2008.



**David Ferro**  
*College of Applied Science & Technology*



**Francis Harrold**  
*College of Social & Behavioral Sciences*



**David Matty**  
*College of Science*



**Jeff Steagall**  
*John B. Goddard School of Business & Economics*

Harrold believes a dean must strike a balance between being a day-to-day administrator and being an inspirational leader for the college.

Some of his goals for the College of Social & Behavioral Sciences are broadening experiential learning opportunities for students, promoting interdisciplinary programs, increasing sources of external funding for faculty and student research and college programs, and leading discussions about a major renovation of the Social Science building.

"What kind of facility do we need? What kind of space and equipment do we need to move forward with an up-to-date facility?" are among the questions Harrold said he plans to ask.

After earning his master's degree and doctorate in anthropology from the University of Chicago, Harrold spent 20 years as a professor of anthropology at the University of Texas at Arlington before moving into administration. In 2000, he was selected as dean of the College of Natural and Social Sciences at the University of Nebraska at Kearney, a position he held for eight years, before becoming dean at St. Cloud State. He is also the author or editor of two books and numerous academic articles, chapters and papers.

**David Matty**, the new dean of the College of Science, just completed a two-year assignment as a program director for the National Science Foundation (NSF). In that role, he reviewed and awarded funding for undergraduate research proposals and mentored principal investigators conducting grant-funded research.

WSU's commitment to undergraduate research attracted Matty to the dean's position. "Dr. Matty's experience with undergraduate science education and his work with the National Science Foundation will be beneficial to the College of Science," said WSU Provost Michael Vaughan.

Matty's NSF connections led to four WSU faculty members being appointed to the NSF's Transforming Undergraduate Education in Science program review panel: Laine Berghout, Michael Hernandez, Brian Rague and Jeff Ward.

Prior to his NSF responsibilities, Matty had a distinguished career at Central Michigan University (CMU), which also happens to be his alma mater for his undergraduate education. Matty earned his PhD in geology from Rice University.

Starting as an assistant geology professor in 1986, Matty became chair of the Department of Geology at CMU in 2000, a position he held for nine years.

Matty, who has extensive experience pursuing and procuring external funding sources, is already working with WSU's Office of Sponsored Projects to secure additional money to support faculty research and scholarship.

The new dean for the John B. Goddard School of Business & Economics, **Jeff Steagall**, arrives at WSU from the University of North Florida, where he taught economics for 21 years, including three years as an associate dean.

He earned his master's degree and PhD in economics from the University of Wisconsin.

The search for Steagall's position as dean at WSU attracted 25 candidates from across the country. He began work on campus the first of July to initiate conversations about what the Goddard School wants to be known for, so its faculty can work toward a shared goal, whether it be internationalization, sustainability, entrepreneurship or something else.

Steagall sees his role as providing vision and direction for the school, while also pursuing new resources as existing lines of funding change or disappear due to budget cuts and economic crises. Whatever direction the Goddard School pursues, Steagall doesn't want to lose sight of the strong foundation already in place.

"We have perspective that many business schools and universities lack - we really are an integral part of the place that we're located," Steagall said, citing the new Master of Taxation degree that was created in response to the prominence of the Internal Revenue Service in Ogden. "We're going to provide the workforce, as well as continuing education courses for existing employees."

All four of the new deans say they are eager to get to know the campus community, especially faculty and staff in their individual colleges, which they will make a top priority. The new group joins the three other academic deans at Weber State University.

## Welcome to WSU

**Heath Alexander**, Athletics Administration and Support  
**Heather Allred**, Continuing Education  
**Diego Batista-Rey**, Foreign Language  
**Tiffany Bennett**, Nursing  
**Dustin Birch**, Mechanical Engineering Technology  
**Cynthia Candland**, Nursing  
**Julian Chan**, Mathematics  
**Ryan Cheek**, Communication  
**McKell Christensen**, Campus Recreation  
**Heather Clark**, Nursing  
**Sierra Crandall**, Support Services  
**Paul Crow**, Visual Arts  
**Sharon Dingman**, Nursing  
**Maria Fielding**, Foreign Language  
**Kent Forsberg**, Facilities Management  
**Susan Foss**, Engineering  
**Henry Glass**, Sociology  
**Ronald Goch**, Athletics Administration and Support  
**Aaron Garza**, Student Success Center  
**Sian Griffiths**, English  
**Larry Guerrero**, Health Promotion and Human Performance  
**Jeanette Harris**, Nursing  
**Angie Helseth**, Campus Recreation  
**Travis Hogge**, Facilities Management  
**Jeffrey Jackson**, Academic Affairs  
**Joshua Jensen**, Computer Science  
**Tawnya Johnson**, Facilities Management  
**Jennifer Kokai**, Performing Arts

**Yuliya Lange**, Goddard School of Business & Economics  
**Melissa Leonard**, Alumni Relations  
**Monica Linford**, Nursing  
**Jared Lisonbee**, Child and Family Studies  
**Brian McGladrey**, Health Promotion and Human Performance  
**Anette Melvin**, Teacher Education  
**Brian Namba**, Criminal Justice  
**Casey Neville**, Radiologic Sciences  
**Devan Newman**, Athletics Administration and Support  
**Bethann Ord**, Women's Basketball  
**Carrie Ota**, Child and Family Studies  
**Nikki Palmer**, Athletics Administration and Support  
**Russ Rampton**, Communication  
**Bradford Reyns**, Criminal Justice  
**Margaret Richards**, Athletics Administration and Support  
**Sheila Simko**, Veterans Services  
**Ryan Stephens**, College of Social & Behavioral Sciences  
**Sarah Steimel**, Communication  
**Molly Sween**, Criminal Justice  
**Kassidy Symonds**, Upward Bound  
**Benjamin Taylor**, Campus Stores  
**Garth Tuck**, Computer Science  
**Rebecca VandeKerkhof**, Continuing Education  
**Glenn Wilson**, Facilities Management  
**Jacob Wilson**, Facilities Management  
**Stephen Wolochowicz**, Visual Arts

**Sue Womack**, Teacher Education  
**Christopher Woodhave**, Sales and Service Technology  
**James Zagrodnik**, Health Promotion and Human Performance  
**Liese Zahabi**, Visual Arts  
**Maria Zuniga**, Student Success Center

## On the Move/Promoted

**Sebastian Anderson**, Facilities Management  
**Bradley Beazer**, Campus Stores  
**Linda Bender**, Information Technology  
**Holly Bowden**, Stewart Library  
**Candace Busby**, Student Success Center  
**Tamara Chase**, Nursing  
**Rebecca Cloud**, Facilities Management  
**Ralph Coleman**, Academic Support Centers  
**Chad Davisson**, Facilities Management  
**Kathy Edwards**, Communication  
**Aiko Flowers**, Nursing  
**Camille Gooch**, Student Success Center  
**Lydia Gravis**, Visual Arts  
**Paul Grua**, Athletics Administration and Support  
**Darin Hogge**, Athletics Administration and Support  
**Stephanie Hollist**, University Counsel  
**Mark Isakson**, Enterprise Business Computing  
**Megan Jolley**, Child and Family Studies

**Jonathan Karras**, Enterprise Business Computing  
**Allison Knowlton**, Telecommunication Services  
**Lori Ornelas**, Continuing Education  
**James Owens**, Facilities Management  
**Anita Proul**, Computer Science  
**Karmen Quinney**, Campus Stores  
**Beverly Rudd**, University Advancement  
**Margaret Womack**, Continuing Education

## Retired

**Gordon Allred**, English  
**David Cox**, Visual Arts  
**Myron Davis**, Health Promotion and Human Performance  
**Richard Grow**, Psychology  
**Warren Hill**, COAST  
**Judith Mitchell**, Teacher Education  
**Kari Petersen**, Student Involvement Leadership  
**Marsha Richter**, President's Office  
**Tony Spanos**, Foreign Language  
**Steven Tippetts**, Facilities Management  
**Richard Ulibarri**, History

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