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UM ANNOUNCES COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES DEAN

MISSOULA --

James Flightner has been named dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Montana.

His appointment is subject to approval by the Board of Regents.

Flightner, who served four years as associate dean and two years as acting dean, will take the post July 1. He was chosen over finalists Gerald Fetz, UM foreign languages and literatures professor, and James Dobson, assistant graduate dean and professor of history at Iowa State University.

A Spanish professor, Flightner joined UM's foreign languages and literatures faculty in 1962 as an instructor. He had a bachelor's degree from Montana State University and a master's degree from UM at that time. In 1971 he earned his doctorate from State University of New York in Buffalo. During his years as associate and acting dean, he has continued to teach courses on the literature of Spain for the foreign languages department.

In his new post, Flightner hopes to begin a systematic review of all undergraduate and graduate programs in the college. He also sees increased fund raising as a long-term goal.

Flightner was born in Missoula and reared in Darby. He has two children--Barry, 15, and Ramona, 14. His wife, Maureen, teaches Spanish at Missoula's Hellgate High School.

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