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EVANS NAMED UM EDUCATION DEAN

MISSOULA –

A longtime University of Montana faculty member has been named dean of the School of Education, Provost Lois Muir announced today.

Roberta Evans, who has served as interim dean since July 2001, was hired permanently as the education school's new leader following a national search. Muir emphasized the considerable expertise and talent that Evans brings to the position.

"During the past year, everyone who has worked with Dean Evans has been impressed with her extraordinary leadership and ability to bring people together," Muir said. "She is a welcome addition to our academic team."

Evans replaces Don Robson, who has been UM's interim associate provost for the past year. She brings more than 20 years experience as a teacher and administrator in K-12 and higher education. Evans came to Missoula in 1989 after receiving a doctorate in education from the University of Nevada, Reno.

She served as chair of UM's educational leadership and counseling department during 1991-98. Muir said Evans' administrative approach is one that emphasizes collaboration, communication and consultation.

"I am thrilled to work with the exemplary faculty, staff and students in the School of Education and to serve the University in this new role," Evans said.

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Roberta Evans Assumes Dean of Education Post

Following a national search, Provost Lois Muir announced the appointment of Dr. Roberta Evans as Dean for the School of Education. Evans has served as Interim Dean of the School since July 2001. Provost Muir emphasized the considerable expertise and talent that Dr. Evans brings to the position. "During the past year, everyone who has worked with Dean Evans has been impressed with her extraordinary leadership and ability to bring people together. She is a welcome addition to our academic team."

Dr. Evans has over twenty years' experience as a teacher and administrator in both K-12 and higher education. She came to Missoula in 1989 after receiving her Ed.D. from the University of Nevada, Reno. She served as Chair of the Department of Educational Leadership and Counseling at The University of Montana from 1991-1998. Her administrative approach is one that emphasizes collaboration, communication and consultation.

Colleagues in the school of education express high regard for Dr. Evans' leadership, integrity and experience. They describe her as thoughtful and collaborative. She enjoys broad-based support among her colleagues in all departments within the School. When asked to describe her effectiveness, one colleague noted that, "Bobbie is a charismatic, visionary leader who possesses the ability to continually bring out the best in others," while another colleague said that she "has contributed more to the quality of Montana education than any other educator in the state" during her time here. Yet another colleague stated that "Bobbie Evans is thoughtful, collaborative and demonstrates good judgment time after time."

In accepting the position, Dr. Evans said, "I am thrilled to work with the exemplary faculty, staff and students in the School of Education and to serve the University in this new role."