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FORMER DEAN STEPS IN TO LEAD UM EDUCATION SCHOOL

MISSOULA -

Longtime faculty member Roberta Evans will take the helm of The University of

Montana's School of Education on a temporary basis while a national search is conducted for a

permanent leader next fall, UM President George Dennison announced Thursday.

Evans will replace Dean Paul Rowland, who leaves UM at the end of the month to become dean of education at the University of Idaho. Evans is well-acquainted with the role; she served as interim dean during 2001-02. She was named dean in 2002 but resigned a year later to return to teaching and spend more time with her family.

"Bobbie Evans has the experience and ability to take charge and assure that the school remains on track," said Dennison, who also serves as UM's acting provost. "We will surely miss Paul Rowland, regret his departure and wish him well in his new position. It helps immensely to know that Dean Evans will now take the helm."

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