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UM hires new registrar

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ED J. JOHNSON have served as interim registrar of The University of Montana since March, but he is interim no more.

After a national search and interviewing two candidates, UM hired Johnson to replace former Registrar Dave Micus, who left UM last spring for a job in Saudi Arabia. Johnson’s new title will be official Nov. 1.

“I’m excited to have the opportunity to continue the work I’ve started and to continue working with my fine staff as we serve the University and the state,” Johnson said.

As registrar he is responsible for maintaining the official academic records for the nearly 15,000 students attending UM, as well as other duties.

“Ed’s service to the University during this interim period was outstanding,” UM Provost Royce Engstrom said. “He brings to the position years of experience both as a registrar and with the Montana University System. His collaborative problem-solving approach will help us move forward on many initiatives that will help students and the faculty.

“The registrar is a critical position for the University,” Engstrom said, “and I am delighted that we have a talented and energetic person in Ed.”

A Philipsburg native, Johnson spent much of his professional life at Montana Tech of UM in Butte. From 1988 to 1994, he served in positions ranging from admissions counselor to director of admissions. From 1994 to 2006, he was registrar and university associate dean, director of the Summer School, director of Continuing Education and director of Part-Time and
Evening Programs. He also managed the academic intersession and served on a variety of Montana Tech and statewide committees.

From November 2006 to January 2008, he was interim registrar and director of the Records Office at Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colo. He then served as a human resources representative with Stillwater Mining Co. in Billings from May 2008 to February 2009.

Before working in higher education, Johnson was station manager of KOPR-FM in Butte from 1981 to 1988. He is a graduate of Montana State University-Bozeman and did post-baccalaureate work in computer science, information technology and supervisory management at Montana Tech.

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