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A professor of chemistry at the University of Montana for the past 21 years has been named acting academic vice president, effective Sept. 1.

Dr. Earl C. Lory has served the Missoula unit in several administrative posts and is immediate past president of the Faculty Senate. He also has been acting dean of the faculty and acting dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

President Robert T. Pantzer said, when announcing the appointment, that Dr. Lory's experience ably suited him for the important post vacated when Dr. Laurence E. Gale unexpectedly died last month.

"We cannot expect to duplicate Dr. Gale's excellent abilities," said President Pantzer. "However, Dr. Lory's wealth of experience at the University and his evident ability to work with our faculty will allow him to make a significant contribution in this important post. I am pleased that he has consented to serve."

Dr. Lory, 61, a native of Windsor, Colo., previously served the Missoula unit as chairman of chemistry, 1955-58; acting dean of the faculty, 1958-59; acting dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, 1959-60; and faculty representative to the Big Sky athletic conference, 1963-present.

He holds a bachelor's degree from Colorado State University at Fort Collins and his doctorate is from Johns Hopkins in Baltimore. His special academic interest is physical chemistry.

He formerly taught and coached football and track at Adams State Teachers College, Colorado, was a chemist for the A. Gross Candle Company and was director of research for the J.C. Oliver Memorial Research Foundation.

He is a retired lieutenant colonel from the U.S. Army Reserve Medical Service Corps. He has been UM faculty athletic adviser since 1953 and has served on the National Collegiate Athletic Association college committee since 1965, including a term on the NCAA Council.