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MISSOULA--

Dr. Richard G. Landini, administrator and faculty member at Arizona State University since 1959, will move to the University of Montana in midsummer as academic vice president, it has been reported by UM President Robert T. Pantzer.

Dr. Landini, who also will be a full professor with the UM faculty, succeeds Dr. William G. Craig who will be leaving to become president of Johnson State College in Vermont.

Dr. Landini has been assistant to the president at Arizona State, Tempe, since 1968. He also served ASU as dean of Litchfield College, 1967-69, and assistant dean of the Graduate College, 1965-67. He moved from a rank of assistant professor to full professor while teaching with the ASU English staff for 11 years.

He had primary responsibility for the planning of physical facilities, programs, personnel and enrollment for Litchfield College, the first unit of a cluster-college branch campus of ASU.

Born in Pittsburgh, Pa., in 1929, Dr. Landini received both his Bachelor of Arts, 1954, and Master of Arts, 1956, degrees from the University of Miami, Coral Gables, Fla. The University of Florida, Gainesville, awarded him the Doctor of Philosophy degree in 1959. He was named to Phi Beta Kappa at the latter institution. He accumulated four years of experience as a teaching assistant while completing graduate degree work.

Dr. Landini has been active as a researcher, writer, public speaker, book reviewer and member of professional societies and community service organizations.

A U.S. Army veteran, he is married and has five children.