

McCloud promoted to new position

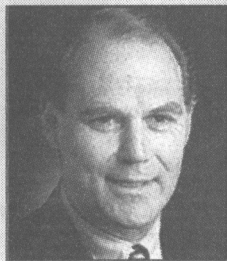
Joe Edwards has been named interim dean of the College of Fine and Performing Arts

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The man that university officials have praised for his leadership and innovation has just accepted a full-time position in university President David Sweet's cabinet.

George McCloud, dean of the College of Fine and Performing Arts since 1997, has been named Special Assistant to the President for University Advancement. Joe Edwards, associate dean of the College of Fine and Performing Arts, was named interim dean of the college.

McCloud had been working for the past two years as a part-time special assistant to the president, a position that will be terminated. The former dean said he is



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excited about the opportunity to now work side-by-side with Sweet on a full-time basis. He added that he will work closely with Sweet and other administrators "doing whatever it is that needs to be done in the area of advancement."

Those areas of advancement include working heavily in marketing and communications, and the responsibility for many university promotions, special events on

campus, the university's radio station, WYSU-FM, and fundraising. McCloud said, though all aspects are important, he will be concentrating more on the fundraising and marketing front.

In addition to those responsibilities, he will have various duties given to him by the president.

Hugh Chatman, executive director of human resources and public relations, said McCloud's salary as special assistant to the president for university advancement would be \$129,000. His former salary as dean of the College of Fine and Performing Arts was \$116,878 with a supplemental \$7,000 for his part-time position as special assistant to the president.

Sweet said the increased salary for

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McCloud's position includes extra responsibilities he will be taking on.

"I think the objective is to lead to an investment that will have a greater turnout in an overall strategy," Sweet said.

With McCloud's resignation, Edwards will serve as interim dean until a new dean is hired through a nationwide search. The search is expected to conclude by the end of the 2005-06 academic year.

Edwards, a 36-year-

employee of YSU and former director of the Dana School of Music, said he is pleased with the state of the department at this time and is looking forward to working closely with the chairs and faculty of the department.

"Nothing in the department needs to be bluntly repaired or changed ... due to the fine job that McCloud did as dean," Edwards said.

Sweet agreed with Edwards.

"As dean of the College of Fine and Performing arts, Mr. McCloud proved his leadership abilities," Sweet said.

University officials also recently announced Eileen Greaf, the interim executive director of financial services since July 24, has been named the executive director of financial services.

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