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Cleveland State dean David C. Sweet

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio - In a unanimous vote, the Youngstown State University Board of Trustees named Dr. David C. Sweet YSU's sixth president. Sweet, the dean of the Levin College of Urban Affairs at Cleveland State University and chairperson of the Ohio Urban University Program, was chosen following a year-long national search for the successor to Dr. Les Cochran. No timetable was set for Sweet's start in the position, but Cochran pledged he would serve through July 1 to permit a seamless leadership transition. Board of Trustees chairman Bruce Beeghly cited Dr. Sweet's experience facing challenges at an urban institution comparable to YSU as a prime factor in his selection. Sweet became CSU's first dean of the College of Urban Affairs in 1978. He has focused on academic, research and community outreach programs specifically dealing with and confronting major urban centers. Sweet was instrumental in raising resources and endowments, including a \$90 million capital improvement effort expanding facilities at CSU as well as extending programs and enrollment in the College of Urban Affairs, which was ranked second in the nation by U.S. News and World Report for its specialty in city management and public policy. The Trustees believe Sweet's extensive experience working with state government as a vital and critical aspect of his role interfacing with the local community and regional and statewide constituencies as part of his leadership challenge, Beeghly stated. Sweet also served as commissioner of the Ohio Public Utilities Commission (PUCO) from 1975 to 1978 and director of the Ohio Department of Economic and Community Development from 1971 to 1975. He initiated many innovative programs including technology development and entrepreneurship investment to oversee the state's long-range economic goals and strategies. The new YSU executive served as director of the Regional Economics Division at the Battelle Institute in Columbus from 1963 through 1970. Sweet has also been chair of the Ohio Energy Commission, treasurer of the Ohio Development Center and secretary of the Development Financing Commission plus other state board leadership and committee positions. Sweet graduated from the University of Rochester, N.Y. with a bachelor's degree. He later gained his master's degree from the University of North Carolina and his Ph.D. from The Ohio State University.

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