

Changes in provost staff likely

Assistant Provost Janice Elias will return to her faculty position, YSU president says.

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One assistant provost is returning to a faculty position while the university provost confirms that there will be other changes in the administrative staff in coming weeks.

University Provost Dr. Tony Atwater said, "It is my understanding that [Dr. Janice Elias, assistant provost] has chosen to return to the faculty after an administrative leave."

Atwater said, "There will be a formal announcement about the changes in my staff within the next few weeks."

At Jambar deadline neither Atwater nor other administrators would confirm how these changes would affect Dr. Gordon Mapley, the only other assistant provost.

When asked if Mapley would be leaving the university, Atwater said, "There is a transition I am considering, and it is my prerogative as a new provost to bring in a staff that shares my visions. I do, however, appreciate and value the contributions of my current staff."

University President Dr. David

Sweet said Wednesday that although there had been conversations about changes in the provost office staff, he was not aware that Mapley may be leaving the university.

Sweet said Elias will most likely return to her position as a faculty member in Human Ecology during

the fall 2002 semester. She did not return a message left at her office Wednesday afternoon.

Sweet said, "The issue was just like my own case [regarding administrative hiring]. There were changes made, some resulting in faculty continuing in their role and

others not. It's all the assembling of a team. It's part of a senior development."

Mapley is expected to be out of the office until Friday, and he did not respond to phone and e-mail messages left by Jambar staff members Wednesday afternoon at his home.

Both Mapley and Elias joined the administrative staff in July 1999 with three-year contracts and received high marks on past evaluations.

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