

Cochran names Mears Executive Vice President; position recently re-established



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YSU— Dr. G.L. Mears, executive director of budgets and institutional services, has been named as executive vice president by President Leslie Cochran effective April 1.

The job of executive vice president was re-established under Cochran's administrative restructuring plan.

"Dr. Mears has a strong level

of institutional confidence. For several years, he has been the chief business problem solver on campus and has earned the respect of his colleagues," Cochran said.

Mears had been among four finalists considered for the job. Some 62 candidates from around the country had applied for the position.

As executive vice president, Mears will serve as chief financial officer for the University and will have direct responsibilities for administrative, financial and human services. His \$90,000 salary will be the lowest at a state university for officials with similar responsibilities.

"I'm pleased and grateful to move into the executive level of the administration with Dr. Cochran," Mears said. "I support the vision that he has for the University for the next several years. I will do my best to help him make it a reality."

Mears also said that he fully supports Cochran and the YSU Board of Trustees in their efforts to make YSU a more diverse institution. "We need to become more diverse culturally and racially and in all respects."

Before being named executive director of budgets and institutional services, Mears served as director of budgets and institutional studies. He held the position from 1980 to 1989. Prior to coming to YSU, he served as director of institutional studies at the Little Rock campus of the University of Arkansas and director of research and planning at Burlington County College in Pemberton, New Jersey.

Mears earned his doctorate from the University of Mississippi and a master's degree in counseling and a bachelor's degree in education from Louisiana Tech University.