

Former chair of English fills vacant A&S position

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Dr. Barbara H. Brothers, chair of the English department and acting dean of YSU's Graduate School, has been named the new Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, effective July 1.

Brothers was one of five finalists to be screened for the job by a search committee headed by Dr. Sandra W. Stephan, acting chair of the English department. YSU President Leslie Cochran com-

mented on the appointment of Brothers, stating, "[She] has an excellent record in academic leadership, administrative and teaching experience, scholarly productivity and academic and cultural diversity. It is also worthy to note that Dr. Brothers is someone with deep roots in the University, who is in fact a graduate and who has served long and well as a faculty member and administrator."

Brothers's appointment was also praised by Dr. James J. Scanlon, provost of the University. He stated, "Charting the future of the College of Arts and Sciences

will be a common enterprise for the new dean, departmental chairs, faculty, staff and students. I am confident that Dr. Brothers has the ability to inspire a forward-looking spirit and a commitment to open and collegial processes for establishing the future of the college."

In accepting the appointment as dean, Brothers said she is excited about the opportunity to serve the University in yet another capacity of leadership.

"An immediate challenge for the College of Arts and Sciences is to make progress on rethinking general education re-

quirements," Brothers asserted. "We need to improve the dialogue among the disciplines, to pay attention to global education and to represent the diversity of the American experiences in our courses."

Brothers became affiliated with YSU as a member of its adjunct faculty in 1960. She then became an instructor in 1967, an assistant professor in 1973, English department chair in 1974, an associate professor in 1977 and a full professor in 1983.

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■ Dr. Barbara Brothers ■

A member of the executive committee of the Association of Departments of English, she served as president of both the College English Association and the College English Association of Ohio.

YSU's English department received a number of grants while Brothers served as

chairperson, including a \$688,158 challenge grant over six years to fund the development of the department's technical and professional writing program.

Brothers said she hopes her position as a female administrator will help widen the door on campus for other women and minorities.

She asserted, "Women that are breaking the glass ceiling in the job market play an important role. If they perform well, it increases the opportunities for other women."

Brothers states her goal, concluding, "My real love will always be teaching. Administration should serve teaching of the University. They should assist the faculty, helping to develop them into effective teachers.

"Our goal is always well-educated students. What do our students need to know? How can we accomplish this with our curriculum?"