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Dear Colleagues:

I'm delighted to announce the appointment of Dr. Christopher Shook as the next Dean of the Gordon Ford College of Business. Dr. Shook is a Professor of Management currently serving as the Sprunk & Burnham Endowed Dean for the University of Montana College of Business in Missoula. He is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and holds a Ph.D. in Business Administration from Louisiana State University. His scholarship focuses on exploration and exploitation of entrepreneurial opportunities; strategic decision-making processes; the reciprocal relationship of performance and strategy; and methodological issues in strategy and entrepreneurship research. Dr. Shook will assume his new duties on July 1.

I am grateful to the GFCB Dean Search Committee chaired by University Libraries Dean Susann deVries for their hard work and diligence throughout this process. Dr. Shook is an excellent choice for the GFCB Deanship, and he is very excited about joining WKU. I would also like to thank Dr. Cathy Carey for her dedication and service as interim Dean this year.

Sincerely,

Terry Ballman  
Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs