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Chancellor announces Northern Regional Executive Officer/Dean

MADISON – Cathy Sandeen, Chancellor of University of Wisconsin Colleges and University of Wisconsin-Extension, named Dr. Keith Montgomery to the newly created position of Northern Regional Executive Officer/Dean. Montgomery will oversee UW-Barron County, UW-Marathon County, UW Marshfield/Wood County, and UW-Marinette.

Under the new administrative model announced in July, the 13 UW Colleges will be grouped into four regions, with one Executive Officer/Dean per region. Among their responsibilities, the Regional Executive Officer/Dean will provide academic and strategic leadership to the campuses in the region, and work collaboratively with faculty and staff members, and students to establish policies and practices that ensure regional and campus success.

"I value the trust that has been placed in me. Each of these campuses serves its own county and city, and I am excited by this opportunity to lead them in a new model of administration -- one in which we will work together to create even greater access to both credit and non-credit programs for residents in the northern third of the state," said Montgomery.

As Regional Executive Officer/Dean, Montgomery will be expected to continue to develop and maintain strong and productive relationships with local government, business and community leaders within his region.

Montgomery is the current Campus Executive Officer/Dean at UW-Marathon County and interim Campus Executive Officer/Dean at UW-Marshfield/Wood County. He was a professor of geography/geology at UW-Marathon County from 1991 to 2011. He earned a doctorate degree and master's degree in geography at the University of Waterloo, Ontario, and his undergraduate degree in geography at the University of Glasgow, Scotland.

"Dr. Montgomery is an impressive, experienced educational leader who has proven, positive results in serving his students and communities," said Chancellor Sandeen. "As the UW Colleges undergo these dramatic but necessary changes, I am confident he understands what it takes for his campuses to succeed, and how important that success is for students, his region, and the state."

The transition to Regional Executive Officers/Deans will begin immediately, with an expected completion date of mid-December. The current Campus Executive Officers/Deans will play a key role in facilitating the transition and bridging new relationships. The Campus Executive Officers/Dean positions then will be eliminated effective Dec. 31, 2015. All current Campus

Executive Officers/Deans are tenured faculty members and will be deciding whether to accept teaching positions within the UW Colleges.

For more information, including transition details, see the Regional Executive Officer/Dean [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\)](#).

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