I am writing to announce that School of Business Dean Pat Meyers has accepted the position of dean at the University of Dayton’s School of Business Administration in Dayton, Ohio. She will assume her new duties there sometime this summer.

Pat came to the University of Redlands as the “founding dean” of our new School of Business, which, along with the School of Education, was launched in 2001. Prior to that, both schools were folded together in what was known as Whitehead College.

While the School of Business’ mission to provide innovative undergraduate and graduate programs for the working adult did not change with the name, the challenge required to bring to the school the level of quality expected of a Redlands education was significant. Pat and her colleagues rose to that challenge, and we are indebted to them for all that has been accomplished. Enormous progress has been made in several areas, including:

- Development of a long-term strategy for the School of Business and a new mission statement to reflect that strategy;
- New contract arrangements for full-time faculty, new adjunct faculty pay rates, six new faculty hires, and professional development seminars;
- Revised marketing material written to convey new messages and a new brand identity for the School;
- Redesigned MBA, BSBAM, and BSIS programs;
- Enhanced student services at all regional centers.

Pat came to the university as an experienced business dean and change agent. Under her leadership, the School of Business has moved to a much higher level of quality, flexibility, and responsiveness to student needs. This foundation will allow a new dean to take the school to the next stage. The search to select Pat’s replacement will soon be underway.

I am pleased to announce that at a time yet to be determined, Associate Dean Stuart Noble-Goodman will begin serving as interim dean. He will be assisted by Assistant Professor Keith Roberts and consultant Kathy Behrens, who will switch from her role as the primary consultant for the ALFI project to a member of our university administration for a period of time. As associate dean, Keith will focus his attention on the school’s academic programs.

I am deeply grateful to Stuart, Keith, Kathy and other members of the leadership team. Their experience and dedication promise that the progress we have made in the School of Business continues apace. Indeed, the university remains committed to achieving the goals and objectives that we have established for the school.

Again, we thank Pat for her many contributions, and wish her well as she assumes her new responsibilities at the University of Dayton.