

# Vice President's Letter



Everyone likes to brag a little, and universities are no different. Successes in athletics, academics and research are among the areas where schools compete for bragging rights.

In the Division of Agriculture, Forestry and Veterinary Medicine at MSU, we have quite a lot to be proud of, including a strong national reputation for agricultural research.

We now have one more thing to be proud of—a new vice president.

Dr. Gregory Bohach will assume the top leadership role for the division in October. He comes to MSU from the University of Idaho, where he served as associate dean of the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences and as Idaho Agricultural Experiment Station director.

During the interview process, Dr. Bohach shared his vision for moving the units in the division forward with faculty and staff on campus and at MSU facilities across the state. He has also met with commodity group representatives and other stakeholders to discuss MSU's research and outreach roles. During those meetings, it soon became evident that his reputation as someone who can communicate with and build consensus among diverse groups is well earned.

We in the division look forward to the strong visionary leadership Dr. Bohach brings to our academic, research and outreach programs.

It has been my pleasure to serve as the interim vice president for the division during the past 18 months. I look forward to continuing to work with colleagues in the MSU Extension Service, the Mississippi Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station, the College of Forest Resources, the Forest and Wildlife Research Center, the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and the College of Veterinary Medicine as we join with Dr. Bohach to serve the university and the people of Mississippi.

Melissa J. Mixon

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