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State's New Chief Academic Officer Announced

Department of Higher Education Executive Director Rico Munn today announced the appointment of Dr. Cheryl D. Lovell as the Department's Chief Academic Officer, effective April 1, 2010.

With over 30 years of professional experience in higher education, Dr. Lovell brings a wealth of knowledge and vast understanding to the position. While serving in a variety of higher education settings, including large public universities, regional comprehensive colleges, a private university, as well as two premier national higher education policy agencies, Dr. Lovell's work has focused on a commitment to educational quality, expanding opportunities for students, and improving post secondary education systems.

Director Munn commented, "Dr. Lovell is a perfect fit for the Department's Chief Academic Officer position because of her broad higher education experiences as a faculty member, administrator, and policy expert. We will rely on her expertise to not only help run the day to day academic functions of the Department but also aid in the strategic planning process that is underway."

Most recently, Dr. Lovell served as Associate Dean at the University of Denver's Morgridge College of Education since 2001. As Associate Dean, Dr. Lovell was responsible for overseeing academic administration which included direct responsibility for faculty development, curriculum and program development, and strategic planning. Dr. Lovell has been on the faculty at DU since 1995, as a professor teaching courses in higher education policy and administration, college student development, and coordinating DU's program in higher education.

Prior to her work at DU, Dr. Lovell served as the Staff Associate for Research at the National Center for Higher Education Management Systems working on a variety of state and federal higher education policy issues. Dr. Lovell has also worked at several higher education institutions across the country in various administrative and student life capacities.

"I am delighted to work at the Department of Higher Education at such an important time, said Dr. Lovell. "Higher education across the country, and particularly in Colorado, faces many challenges and I want to make sure the system continues to provide the best opportunities and options well into the future."

Dr. Lovell received both her B.A. in Political Science and her M.Ed. in Guidance and Counseling for Higher Education from West Georgia College and her Ph.D. in Higher Education from Florida State University.

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