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Richard S. Krysiak Jr., a retired Air Force civil engineering officer and facilities management professional with extensive higher education, military and private sector experience, will become the University of Dayton's new vice president for facilities management and planning. He starts Oct. 9.

A LEED-certified green associate, Krysiak most recently spent a year as vice president and energy consultant for Cenergistic Inc., a Dallas-based company that provides energy conservation programs to facilities across the nation, along with building automation and maintenance training. Before that, he served 10 years as director for facilities management and chief facilities officer at Oklahoma State University plus more than a decade in various positions with the United States Air Force.

"Rick brings tremendous experience to the position," said Andy Horner, vice president for finance and administrative services. "At Oklahoma State, Rick was responsible for more than 10 million square feet of space across 587 buildings on 1,400 acres, so he is exceptionally well prepared to take on the complexities of the facilities management and planning function at the University of Dayton."

He assumes the position previously held by Beth Keyes, who will retire in 2019 after a 30-year career at the University. Although Keyes stepped down during the summer from her role as vice president for facilities management, she continues to manage the \$72-million transformation of UD Arena as facilities project management officer and will retire after the project's completion.

"What attracted me to the University of Dayton was its reputation for being a top-tier Catholic research university and the Marianist tradition of educating the whole person to create a better world," Krysiak said.

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"I'm excited for the opportunity to work with and share my experiences with students, faculty and staff."

At Cenergistic Inc., using his experience in higher education, Krysiak developed connections with the University of Kentucky and Florida State University to implement energy conservation programs.

From 2006 to 2016, Krysiak held strategic leadership responsibility for all operations, engineering, energy services and construction at Oklahoma State University. He led a team of more than 600 staff with a management style that placed a significant emphasis on campus engagement and customer service, and spearheaded a campus-wide energy conservation program that saved the University more than \$30 million in energy costs and reduced carbon emissions by more than 40 percent.

In 2012, Oklahoma Gov. Mary Fallin selected Krysiak to develop and roll out a statewide energy conservation program.

Horner noted Krysiak's work with environmental initiatives among his qualifications for the facilities management leadership role at UD. In addition to a LEED green associate credential, representing a core competency in green building principles and practices, Krysiak holds a PE license in environmental engineering.

"His experience and background in energy conservation and cost-effective solutions are highly consistent with our Catholic, Marianist mission and continued drive toward a more sustainable campus environment," Horner said. "Rick has a track record of being highly service-oriented and engaging readily with the entire campus community, most notably with both faculty and students."

Between 1989 and 2000, and from 2004-06, Krysiak held multiple facility engineering, operations, energy and construction positions in the United States Air Force, gaining a wide range of experience in design, construction, facilities maintenance, environmental health and safety, and disaster preparedness and readiness. His positions included chief of engineering, engineering manager, and deputy chief of engineering and environmental at Air Force bases in Colorado, South Carolina and Oklahoma.

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Krysiak served a stint in the private sector from 2000 to 2004, working as the plant engineering manager for the manufacturing, production and research facilities for Stryker Medical in Kalamazoo, Michigan, where he led preventative maintenance, operations, energy management efforts and \$35 million in capital construction projects.

Krysiak earned a bachelor's degree in industrial engineering and management from Oklahoma State University in 1988, a master's in public administration from Troy University in Alabama in 1994, and a master's in engineering and environmental management from the Air Force Institute of Technology at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in 1995.

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