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Joseph Castellano, professor of accounting at the University of Dayton, has been named interim dean of the School of Business Administration, effective July 1. He replaces Matt Shank, who will become president of Marymount University.

"Dr. Castellano is a well-respected professor with strong community ties and excellent administrative experience," said Joseph Saliba, provost, in announcing the appointment.

For the past 12 years, he's taught accounting at the University of Dayton, where he's also served on the board of trustees’ mission and identity committee, the rector's council, the academic senate and numerous committees in the School of Business Administration.

Earlier in his career, he served as dean of the College of Business at Wright State University from 1980-1985.

"I am committed to working as a team with the administrative committee and the faculty and staff of the School of Business Administration to ensure that we can continue to move forward with the programs and initiatives that were put into place these past three years under Matt Shank's leadership," Castellano said. "I have no doubt that together we will do all that is necessary to have a smooth transition once a permanent dean is found."

Donna Street, Mahrt chair in accounting, and Tom Breitenbach, a trustee and former chief executive of Premier Health Partners, will co-chair the search committee for a new dean. The University will conduct a national search.

Castellano's research has appeared in the Journal of Accountancy, The Journal of Cost Management, Management Accounting, The CPA Journal, Management Accounting Quarterly, Quality Progress, Internal Auditor and Journal of Accounting Education, as well as many other business and accounting journals. He's a facilitator at Aileron and sits on three corporate boards. His current research interests include lean management, lean accounting, performance measurement, the Toyota production system, the Toyota way and corporate board governance. He's the past J. Robert Berry Endowed Faculty Fellow in the School of Business Administration.

Castellano, of Butler Twp., earned a bachelor's and master's degree in accounting and a Ph.D. in business administration, all from St. Louis University.

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