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# The University of Dayton

## News Release

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### **GORDON SARGENT NAMED NEW VICE PRESIDENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON**

DAYTON, Ohio -- Gordon A. Sargent has been named vice president for graduate studies and research and dean of graduate studies, a new position at the University of Dayton.

Educated in England, Sargent joined UD as dean of the School of Engineering in 1985. Prior to this position, he was a research fellow at the Mellon Institute. He also has held academic appointments at the University of Notre Dame and University of Kentucky.

Sargent has experience in basic and applied research in materials science and engineering and has written more than 85 works on his various research activities.

As the new vice president, Sargent says there are several issues he'd like to tackle, including:

- recruiting more full-time graduate students, because "the quality of the program really depends on the amount of time the student spends in close association with a faculty member." Sargent also thinks full-time students would receive a better understanding of the Catholic and Marianist philosophy of education than part-timers.
- allowing personnel at the University of Dayton Research Institute (UDRI) to teach. "The University is missing a great opportunity by not providing the resources necessary to enable more people from the Institute to teach in the program."

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The new position reflects UD's increasing emphasis on building partnerships in advanced technology--not only on campus but also in the community, according to Brother Raymond L. Fitz, S.M., UD president.

Searches for Sargent's position as dean of the School of Engineering as well as for George Noland's vacated position, due to retirement, as UDRI director will begin soon, according to the Rev. James Heft, S.M., provost. The new UDRI director will report to Sargent.

The University of Dayton conducts \$37 million of sponsored research annually.

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