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To the OSU community:

I am pleased to announce that Dr. Susan Capalbo has been appointed as Senior Vice Provost for Academic Affairs effective October 1, 2016.

Dr. Capalbo has been at Oregon State University (OSU) since 2008 as Department Head and Professor in Applied Economics. She also chaired the steering committee that was advisory to the Provost for the third phase of the University's Strategic Plan (SP 3.0), co-chaired the Provost's self-study committee on equity, diversity and inclusion in 2012, and chaired the comprehensive review for the Hatfield Marine Science Center in 2010. Susan is a member of the National Academy of Science's Board on Agriculture and Natural Resources. She earned her BS and MS in resource economics at the University of Rhode Island.

Susan's career has reflected a commitment to mentoring faculty, to undergraduate and graduate education, and to applied research. She currently teaches a capstone class for undergraduate majors and has been an advisor for PhD and MS graduate students. Her research focuses on applied economics and policy as it relates to sustainable agriculture and resources. She has been PI or co-PI on over \$20M in external grant funding for interdisciplinary research.

Susan will succeed Dr. Brenda McComb, who recently announced her decision to retire from OSU after serving in several leadership roles, including Head of the Department of Forest Ecosystems and Society, Dean of the Graduate School, member of the OSU Board of Trustees, co-chair of the Leadership Council for Equity, Inclusion and Social Justice and Senior Vice Provost for Academic Affairs. While Brenda's retirement is effective on August 1, she has graciously agreed to continue on a part time basis help ensure a smooth transition in Academic Affairs and to take a number of projects to closure.

Please join me in congratulating Susan and welcoming her to the Senior Vice Provost role, and thanking Brenda for her leadership and service at OSU.

Ron Adams
Interim Provost and Executive Vice President