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Butler University Names New Dean for College of Business Administration

INDIANAPOLIS – Butler University has named Dr. Chuck Williams to be its next dean of the College of Business Administration (CBA). Williams succeeds Richard Fetter, who served as the CBA dean for seven years before being appointed Butler’s interim provost in July 2007. Russell Kershaw, associate dean of academic programs for the CBA, has been serving as interim dean.

Williams will join Butler on August 1.

Williams, a native of Indianapolis, comes to Butler from the University of the Pacific’s Eberhardt School of Business, which is ranked by the *Princeton Review* as having a top 290 MBA program and by *Business Week* as having a top 121 undergraduate business program. Williams has served as dean of the Eberhardt School of Business since August 2006.

“Dr. Williams brings an impressive background to the CBA, both as a tenured faculty member and as a university administrator,” said Butler President Bobby Fong.

At the Eberhardt School, Williams oversaw the school’s replacement of a 9-month MBA program with a more rigorous 18-month program that included a corporate quality leadership development program. As dean, he also introduced several successful initiatives in alumni outreach, student recruitment and global study abroad programs.

He developed an experiential learning course where students manage a \$100,000 web business. He also established a \$1.7 million student investment fund, much like the CBA’s \$1 million investment fund that is managed by undergraduate and MBA students. It was the CBA’s commitment to relevant, hands-on business education that attracted Williams to the dean position at Butler.

“The CBA has a strong vision with its ‘real life, real business’ educational approach for its undergraduate and graduate programs,” said Williams. “I’m excited about the opportunity to work with the CBA’s talented faculty and staff to continue to move the



College forward and provide students with real world learning opportunities through our distinctive curriculum, the Butler Business Accelerator and the CBA's strong partnerships with Indianapolis' thriving business community."

Prior to joining the Eberhardt School, Williams spent 15 years with Texas Christian University's Neeley School of Business as a faculty member and chair of the Department of Management and later associate dean for undergraduate studies.

At the Neeley School, he raised the profile of the undergraduate program, which is now ranked as a top 40 program by *Business Week*, taught in the nationally ranked MBA program and helped the leadership team start an Executive MBA program.

Williams received teaching awards at both Texas Christian and Oklahoma State universities, has taught executive education courses for two decades, was named a co-recipient of the Society of Human Resource Yoder-Heneman Research Award, and was nominated by Texas Christian University for U.S. Professor of the Year, a national competition sponsored by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

He has written three widely-used management textbooks: *Management*, now in its fifth edition, *Effective Management: A Multimedia Approach* (3rd edition) and *MGMT* (1st edition). He has also published numerous articles on organizational behavior, human resources and research methods in such respected journals as the "Academy of Management Journal" and the "Journal of Applied Psychology."

Williams earned a doctorate and masters of business administration from Michigan State University and a bachelor's degree from Valparaiso University.

About Butler University

Challenging and enabling students to meet their personal and professional goals has guided Butler University since 1855. Today, Butler is a nationally recognized comprehensive university that blends the liberal arts with first-rate pre-professional programs. Butler is known for its vibrant campus, superior academics and dedicated faculty. The university enrolls more than 4,000 undergraduate and graduate students in five academic colleges: Business Administration, Education, Liberal Arts and Sciences, Pharmacy and Health Sciences, and Fine Arts. Located just six miles from downtown Indianapolis, Butler's urban setting affords students internship opportunities that provide excellent graduate school and career preparation.

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