

Accomplishments of Paul B. Bell, Jr., Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and Vice-Provost for Instruction.

When Dean Bell steps down on August 16, 2013 he will have served 16 years and one and a half months as dean, making him the longest serving dean in the history of the College of Arts and Sciences. The previous record holder was Samuel W. Reaves, who served as dean for 15 years (1925-1940) and acting dean for one year.

Bell also served 16 years as Vice Provost for Instruction.

Bell previously served as Associate Provost (1995-1997), Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education (1991-1995) and University Registrar (1991-1995).

He joined the faculty of the Department of Zoology in 1979 as a tenure-track assistant professor.

General Accomplishments as Dean:

Between 1997 and 2013:

- Increased the number of tenured, tenure-track and renewable term faculty members from 362 to 536.
- Increased the number of college-level scholarships from fewer than 40 to 306.
- Increased the number of college-level awards for faculty and staff from zero to six.
- Increased the number of outstanding student awards from one to six.

Specific Accomplishments by Year:

- 1990: Organized the first New Sooner Convocation for new freshmen.
- 1990: Named founding Executive Director of the OU Enrollment Management Board.
- 1992: Chaired the implementation of OU's Assessment Program and served as director since its inception.
- 1997: Established the College of Arts and Sciences Advisory Committee on Academic Advising to serve as a coordinating body for advising across the college.
- 1998: Established the Dean's Student Advisory Committee.
- 1998: Began publication of *Kaleidoscope*, the college's twice yearly college magazine for alumni and friends.
- 1998: Initiated the annual Holiday Open House for students, staff, faculty, alumni and friends.
- 1998: Established the International Relations Masters degree program for military students through the College of Continuing Education.
- 1998: Established the College of Arts and Sciences Information Technology support program, increasing from 0 to 5 the number of full-time staff to support the assist the faculty and staff in the use of technology for instruction and administration.

- 1998: Established the college's travel matching fund program to support faculty and student professional travel.
- 1998: Established the Friends of the College of Arts and Sciences (FOCAS) lecture series to enhance the intellectual life of the campus.
- 1998: Established the Support of Teaching and Research fund to support the teaching, research and IT needs of the faculty.
- 1998: Held the first annual scholarship recognition luncheon for students and donors.
- 1999: Established FOCAS on Arts and Sciences Week to enhance the visibility of the college and publicize the accomplishments of its faculty and students to the entire university community.
- 2000: Initiated the annual retreat for college chairs and directors to enhance training and interdepartmental communication.
- 2000: Established the Dean's Advisory Committee on Women's Issues.
- 2000: Established the annual college student award ceremony.
- 2001: Established the College of Arts and Sciences Online Course Program, which in Academic Year 2012-2013 offered 452 sections of 251 courses to 10,597 students.
- 2002: Led the move of the College of Arts and Sciences to Ellison Hall.
- 2002: Initiated twice yearly meetings of the dean with all new faculty members to ensure that they get off to a good start and to establish a direct and supportive relationship between them and the dean.
- 2002: Developed the new college logo to help market and enhance the visibility of the college.
- 2003: Established the first College of Arts and Sciences December Convocation.
- 2004: Established the faculty computing program, through which every permanent faculty member is given a new computer every three years.
- 2005: Established minors in Nonprofit Organizational Studies, Enterprise Studies and International Enterprise Studies to help prepare A&S students for careers in the private sector.
- 2006-2011: Served the Council of College of Arts and Sciences as a board member, president-elect, president and past-president.
- 2006: Led efforts to establish the OU Confucius Institute and currently serves as Chairman of the Board. OUCI was named Confucius Institute of the Year in 2010 and Outstanding Confucius Institute in the Houston Consular Region of the People's Republic of China in 2011. In 2012, Bell was named recipient of the Individual Performance Excellence Award from Confucius Institute Headquarters in Beijing.
- 2006: Established the Nonprofit Leadership program.
- 2007: Established the Multidisciplinary Studies undergraduate program, graduating 1,854 students between Summer 2007 and Fall 2012.
- 2008: Established the College of Arts and Sciences Student Career and Leadership Development program.

- 2010: Established the College of Arts and Sciences Study Abroad Program. In summer 2013, we will be sending 156 students to eight countries, on 13 different programs, led by 19 faculty members.

Other Duties:

OU representative to the Council of Instruction of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education (1991-2013).

Enrollment Management Board (1990-2013), Executive Director (1990-1995), member (1995-2013).

Provost's Advisory Committee on General Education Oversight, chair (1997-2013)

Graduation Rate Task Force, member (2003-2013)

University Club Board of Directors, member and twice president (2003-2013).

Provost's Advisory Committee for Classrooms, chair (2004-2013).