

Former associate dean to be first female chancellor

Sharon Brehm, former associate dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at KU, will become the Bloomington chancellor and vice president for academic affairs of Indiana University. She is the first female to hold the position.

Brehm is provost at Ohio University. She will replace outgoing Bloomington chancellor Kenneth Gros Louis on July 1.

In naming Brehm to the position, Indiana University president Myles Brand highlighted Brehm's accomplishments, calling her "the right person at the right time for this job." Brehm has a Ph.D. in clinical psychology from Duke University and a master's degree in social relations from Harvard University, as well as a bachelor's degree from Duke.

Brehm said three of her goals at IU will be increasing academic excellence, diversity, and collaborative relations. When asked about her thoughts on being the first female in the post, she laughed and said, "I think it's just great. What a good idea."

Brehm will hold the title of IU's "chancellor-designate" pending approval by the board of trustees at its April meeting.

She expressed enthusiasm for her new position, saying, "I greatly appreciate the opportunity to serve this great university."