

## **Graduate School names new dean Carlin will step up to post on July 1**

Diana Carlin, professor of communication studies and interim assistant provost, will be the new dean of the university's Graduate School and International Programs, KU officials announced recently.

Carlin will begin her new position July 1. She succeeds Andrew P. Debicki, who has been dean of the school since 1993.

"I'm very pleased that Diana Carlin has accepted the position of dean of the Graduate School and International Programs," said Provost David E. Shulenburg. "Her various administrative experiences in the university have given her a solid overall perspective of the institution as a whole, and this preparation will serve her well. I know that she and Dean Debicki will work well together to assure a smooth transition."

Carlin joined the KU faculty in 1987 as an instructor in the Department of Communication Studies. She was later promoted to assistant professor, associate professor and in 1999 was named a full professor. She also served as the department's chair in 1997-98. Last fall, Carlin acted as associate provost for student support services during Kathleen McCluskey-Fawcett's sabbatical leave. For the spring 2000 semester, Carlin is replacing Richard Givens, assistant provost, during his sabbatical.

Last August, Carlin was one of 20 KU faculty members to receive the university's prestigious W.T. Kemper Fellowship for Teaching Excellence, which recognizes outstanding teachers and advisers at KU. Recipients are determined by a seven-member selection committee and receive cash awards of \$5,000.



Carlin has served on the Brown Foundation Board of Directors, the President's Advisory Committee on the Arts of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, the Advisory Board Commission on Presidential Debates and has chaired the board of directors of the Kids Voting project in Kansas. In 1996, she coordinated a research project, Debate Watch '96, on the presidential debates.

In 1998, Carlin was named an "Outstanding Educator" by the KU chapter of Mortar Board, a national senior honorary society, and also inducted into the KU Women's Hall of Fame. In 1995, she received the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences' Graduate Faculty Mentor Award. Carlin earned her bachelor's and master's degrees from KU and her Ph.D. from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln.