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### **Klein named Dean of Ferris' College of Arts and Sciences**

BIG RAPIDS – Matthew A. Klein has been appointed Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Ferris State University, according to Michael Harris, vice president for academic affairs. Dr. Klein's appointment, which is effective immediately, is subject to approval by the Ferris Board of Trustees at its Feb. 26 meeting.

Klein, who has served as interim dean of Arts and Sciences since 2002, joined Ferris in 1970 as an academic counselor in the School of General Education. He will now have administrative responsibility for six departments, 137 tenured faculty members, 55 supplemental faculty, and 42 administrators and clerical personnel.

"I am pleased that the University has made a commitment to consider internal candidates for leadership positions on campus," said Klein. "We have a vibrant College, which includes such entities as the Jim Crow Museum, Card Wildlife Education Center, Smith Greenhouse and Williams Auditorium, and I am looking forward to the continued growth of Arts and Sciences."

He served as Assistant Dean of Student Academic Affairs for General Education from 1971-75 and was named Associate Dean of Student Academic Affairs for Arts and Sciences in 1976. Following service as Associate Dean of Administration and Student Affairs from 1981-86, Klein was named Associate Dean and Director of the Center for International Education in 1987. He was appointed as Associate Dean of Student Academic Affairs in 1991 and Associate Dean of Administrative Affairs in 1998.

Klein holds a bachelor's degree in education from Miami University of Ohio and a master's in education from Western Michigan University. He received a doctorate in philosophy from Michigan State University in 1969.

He serves as a board member of the Mid-Michigan Community Action Agency and was one of four Ferris authors of the book "Focusing on College" published in 1987 by Kendall/Hunt Publishing Company.