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Cullen named Ferris' Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs

BIG RAPIDS – Roxanne Cullen has been appointed as Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs at Ferris State University, according to Michael Harris, vice president for academic affairs. Dr. Cullen's appointment, which was effective with the start of winter semester this week, is subject to approval by the Ferris Board of Trustees at its Feb. 26 meeting.

Cullen, who joined the Ferris faculty in 1983, has headed the Department of Languages and Literature since 1995. Most recently, she has also served as the Interim Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. Cullen received the University's Distinguished Teacher Award in 1991 and has a variety of experiences in teaching, curriculum development, establishing unique support programs for students, assessment, retention, and North Central Accreditation self study.

"Dr. Cullen's faculty and leadership experiences, knowledge of the issues, communication skills and integrity have well prepared her for this challenge," said Dr. Harris. "I am looking forward to continuing to work with her toward a bright and positive future for Ferris."

Prior to becoming an administrative department head, Cullen taught all levels of composition and directed the University Writing Center. Her areas of specialization include basic writing, gender and communication, and composition pedagogy. She received her baccalaureate degree from the State University of New York at Geneseo and her doctorate from Bowling Green State University.