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FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Dr. Erik Bitterbaum, vice president for academic affairs at Methodist College, has resigned and will become vice president for academic affairs at Missouri Southern State College in Joplin, Missouri July 1.

Dr. Bitterbaum came to Methodist College in 1990 from Nebraska Wesleyan University. His new position includes a full professorship with tenure and an attractive salary/benefits package.

Missouri Southern is a state-supported liberal arts college with an enrollment of 6,012 students. *The Chart*, the campus newspaper at MSSC, reported Dr. Bitterbaum's appointment March 31, saying he was selected after a five-month national search and was one of six finalists interviewed.

The Methodist College faculty and staff were informed of Dr. Bitterbaum's resignation in a written statement from Dr. Elton Hendricks, college president. "All of us are deeply grateful for Erik's good work," said Dr. Hendricks. "His energy, creativity, and style of leadership have served our community well. We will miss him."

A national search for a new academic dean is now under way. The position has been advertised and applications will be accepted through April 18. An eight-member search committee will have the opportunity to interview finalists for the position and make a recommendation to the president.

Dr. Hendricks said he will appoint a new vice president for academic affairs by August 1 and possibly an interim dean to serve from the time of Dr. Bitterbaum's departure in early June until a successor is named.

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