



KORNER APPOINTED DEAN OF THE COLLEGE OF ARTS AND ARCHITECTURE

University Park, Pa. — Barbara O. Korner has been named dean of the College of Arts and Architecture at Penn State, effective June 1, subject to approval by the Board of Trustees at the March meeting. She replaces Richard W. Durst, who left to assume the presidency of Baldwin-Wallace College.

"I'm thrilled to lead and serve the excellent faculty and staff in the College of Arts and Architecture at Penn State," Korner said. "They have built robust programs in the design, visual and performing arts. Together we will continue to develop collaborative and cutting-edge opportunities for students who will lead the way for arts-based research, education and outreach in the 21st century."

The College of Arts and Architecture offers undergraduate and graduate programs in the Department of Art History, the School of Architecture and Landscape Architecture, the Department of Integrative Arts, the School of Music, the School of Theatre and the School of Visual Arts. The college includes the Center for the Performing Arts, the Palmer Museum of Art and Pennsylvania Centre Stage, which serve as important cultural resources that provide educational outreach programs for Penn State and area communities. The college also includes several centers and institutes focused on design, digital technologies, resource management, and the arts and humanities. Currently, there are approximately 1,900 graduate and undergraduate students enrolled in the college.

"Dr. Korner's proven leadership abilities and wide array of academic and administrative experiences will help to continue the strong positive momentum of the college, which already enjoys national recognition for the quality of its programs," said Rodney Erickson, executive vice president and provost of the University. "Her track record for collaboration across university disciplines and with the greater community will enhance the experiences and opportunities available to Penn State students."

Korner has served as associate dean for academic and student affairs in the College of Fine Arts at University of Florida in Gainesville since 2000, including a year's service as interim dean of the college. While at Florida, she has been responsible for a broad portfolio of programming, including curriculum development for undergraduate and graduate education, student recruitment and retention, academic advising, strategic and fiscal management, fundraising, and an array of partnerships with other universities and communities in the Gainesville region. The College of Fine Arts at the University of Florida is comprised of three schools -- Art and Art History, Music, and Theatre and

Dance -- including 59 undergraduate and graduate programs with 190 faculty and staff. The college includes three interdisciplinary centers, the Digital Worlds Institute, and offers programs at the New World School of the Arts in Miami.

At the University of Florida, Korner is professor of theatre. She has also held various positions at Seattle Pacific University from 1990 to 2000; with the University of Missouri-Columbia from 1985-1990; with Ohio University from 1980-84; and with Mid-America Nazarene College from 1978-79. Korner holds an interdisciplinary fine arts doctorate from Ohio University, a master's in theatre performance, and baccalaureate in theatre production. She has directed and performed in numerous theatre/touring shows, has published a book and papers on a variety of topics, and presented many workshops and seminars during her career. She is a member of several professional organizations, and currently is co-director of the Association for Theatre in Higher Education Leadership Institute for theatre chairs and deans.

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