



Ohio University Emeriti Association

September 12, 2024 Luncheon

The first lunch of the 2024-2025 academic year was held at the Ohio University Inn on Thursday, September 12, following the decision made in the previous year to shift the lunch venue from the Athens Country Club. President Martin Tuck opened the discussion with reminders about various matters concerning the Emeriti Association, including a new lunch schedule, which has been pared to six meetings each year, in September, October, December, February, March, and April. All meetings will be held on the third Thursday of each month, except for December when it will be held on the second Thursday.

The featured speaker was Donald Leo, newly appointed Executive Vice President and Provost of Ohio University. He began by explaining what drew him to Ohio University. Firstly, he considers it a great institution, and he is particularly appreciative of its long, rich history. He also cited his life-long commitment to public institutions of higher education like Ohio University. (He previously held the position of Dean of the College of Engineering at the University of Georgia.)

Next, Dr. Leo laid out personal aims he sought to fulfill in his role at Ohio University including the building of trust among stakeholders, empowerment of academic leadership across the institution, and elevating the university's national and international profile.

Then he provided an extensive update on key developments within the university, beginning with the report that enrollment this academic year remains high and strong. And additionally signaling a healthy institution was a robust and rising retention rate. Major gifts recently committed would provide significant support for the College of Fine Arts and fund a new building for that college as well as renovation for Seigfred Hall. He pointed to energetic new leadership throughout the university as a resource for future development in many different areas. Finally, he spoke of opportunities presented by the Dynamic Strategy process which has been set in motion by President Lori Gonzalez

(Reported by Emeriti Association Secretary Drew McDaniel)

From: Marty Tuck, Emeriti Association President

The next luncheon will be October 17th at the OU Inn second floor Ballroom and the speaker will be Dr. Matthew Ando, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. I have also asked Mike Williford (as the OCHER rep) to make a short presentation regarding the state of STRS and OPERS at the October lunch.

(Photos courtesy of Chalisa McDaniel)

Executive Vice President and Provost Donald Leo



Provost and Mrs Donald Leo at the luncheon

