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## OU names new dean to head the School of Health Sciences

Rochester, Michigan, October 8, 2004 — Oakland University recently named Ken Hightower dean of the School of Health Sciences. He has served as interim dean since fall 2003.

"Dr. Hightower is clearly the right person to lead the School of Health Sciences into the future," said Vice President of Academic Affairs and Provost, Virinder Moudgil. "His long and distinguished career as a researcher and professional contributions in his field make him ideally suited to be the new dean of Health Sciences at Oakland University."

Hightower joined Oakland University in 1974, and has served as a professor of health sciences and acting associate dean. Most recently, Hightower developed new curricula for the exercise science course, Health and Disease, and introduced a new course, The Brain and Disease, which addresses timely issues that impact Alzheimer's and Parkinson's diseases. He has also continued his research into diseases of the eye, while continuing to mentor undergraduate and graduate students in his research lab.

Hightower earned his bachelor of science in physics, his master of science in solid state physics, and his Ph.D. in biophysics/molecular science from Southern Illinois University.

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