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Osmer of The Ohio State University to Serve as Chair of CGS Board

Five Board members elected

Patrick S. Osmer of The Ohio State University became the 2011 Chair of the Council of Graduate Schools' (CGS) Board of Directors after accepting the gavel at CGS's 50th Annual Meeting last week.

Pat Osmer became vice provost for graduate studies and dean of the Graduate School at Ohio State in 2006. A Distinguished Professor of Mathematical and Physical Sciences, he was chair of the Department of Astronomy from 1993-2006. Before coming to Ohio State, Osmer was a member of the scientific staff and deputy director of the National Optical Astronomy Observatory in Tucson, Arizona. Prior to that, he was on the scientific staff of the Cerro Tololo Inter-American Observatory in La Serena, Chile, where he served as director of the observatory and head of mission from 1981-1985.

He earned a B.S. in astronomy with highest honors from the Case Institute of Technology and a Ph.D. in astronomy from the California Institute of Technology.

"Dr. Osmer is committed to ensuring graduate education serves the needs of students, employers, and our nation in the 21st century global economy," said CGS President Debra W. Stewart. "CGS is delighted to have him as our Board chair."

The new Chair-elect is **Lisa Tedesco**, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs—Graduate Studies and Dean of the James T. Laney Graduate School at Emory University, where she is a professor in the Rollins School of Public Health, Department of Behavioral Sciences and Health Education.

Beginning three-year terms on the board are **Joseph N. Benoit** of the University of North Dakota, **James C. Wimbush** of Indiana University, and **Jo Rae Wright** of Duke University. **Harry Richards** of the University of New Hampshire was elected for a two-year term and **Maureen Grasso**, of the University of Georgia was elected for a one-year term.

CGS is governed by a 12-member Board of Directors drawn from member institutions. Board members are nominated and elected by the full membership for set terms. **Jeff Gibeling** of UC-Davis will remain on CGS's Executive Committee for one year as immediate past chair.

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The Council of Graduate Schools (CGS) is an organization of over 500 institutions of higher education in the United States and Canada engaged in graduate education, research, and the preparation of candidates for advanced degrees. Among U.S. institutions, CGS members award 93% of the doctoral degrees and 76% of the master's degrees. The organization's mission is to improve and advance graduate education, which it accomplishes through advocacy in the federal policy arena, research, and the development and dissemination of best practices.*

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