



David Conover Appointed Director of the Division of Ocean Sciences with the National Science Foundation

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To All Faculty and Staff:

Dear Colleagues,

It is with mixed emotions that I write to inform you that David Conover, Dean of the School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences, has accepted a position as the Director of the Division of Ocean Sciences with the National Science Foundation. I am, as I am sure many of you are, sad to see David leave the position as Dean of SoMAS after serving with such distinction in this capacity for the past seven years. David will remain a faculty member with SoMAS during his service to the NSF.

I am proud David has accepted this Directorship with the NSF, effective July 2010. This appointment is the lead position in Ocean Sciences, which is the largest division at NSF. In this position, David will be overseeing a budget in excess of \$300 million, including several major international programs such as the International Ocean Drilling Program (IODP), the Ocean Observatory Initiative (OOI), and the core programs in Ocean Sciences. David will also represent NSF on many of the inter-agency committees that involve ocean science and policy issues on a national and international scale in Washington D.C.

Please join me in congratulating David on this wonderful opportunity. I will write again very soon about the search process.

Best,

Eric

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