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James D. Evans, Ph.D., has been named the acting president of Lindenwood University following the death of Dennis C. Spellmann, who had headed the University since 1989. The announcement was made today by Jim Shoemake, Chairman of the Lindenwood University Board of Directors.

“The appointment of Dr. Evans as acting president is in keeping with the University by-laws which stipulate that should there be a vacancy in the presidency, the chief academic officer will assume that role on an interim basis,” said Shoemake, an attorney with Guilfoil, Petzall and Shoemake in St. Louis.

“The Lindenwood board of directors will keep the University dedicated to educational excellence just as it has been since its founding in 1827,” said Shoemake. “We have a values-based mission that combines the liberal arts with preparation for life. We care about student success and intend to remain fiscally healthy.”

Evans has been the dean of faculty at Lindenwood since 1996, provost since 2000 and has held other administrative positions and been a professor at the University since 1974. He received a bachelor’s degree in psychology with honors from Geneva College in Beaver Falls, PA and completed his master’s degree and Ph.D in psychology at Iowa State University in Ames, IA.

In addition to teaching in a variety of university settings, he was a consultant in manager training and data analysis early in his career.

Evans has a background in personnel selection, development and supervision, strategic planning, curriculum development and evaluation.

“We think that his long-term experience at Lindenwood and administrative credentials make Dr. Evans well suited to lead the University at this time,” said Shoemake.

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