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Hepner leaving UCO for Austin Peay

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Mickey A. Hepner has been appointed the dean of Austin Peay State University's College of Business effective Jan. 2.

Hepner was dean of the University of Central Oklahoma College of Business from 2011-2017, as well as a professor in the college. During his time at UCO, Hepner helped UCO in Edmond become one of only six in the state to receive accreditation from the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business.

Hepner has also served as a board member and president-elect of the Southwest Business Deans Association, as well as serving on the boards of the Oklahoma Academy and the Oklahoma Council for Economic Education.

Before being appointed dean, Hepner served in a number of roles as an economics professor at the university from 2001-2010. In 2007, he was named the Oklahoma Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. His research has been published by several national think tanks, including the Urban Institute, the Heritage Foundation and the Cato Institute.

"He has an outstanding track record as both a leader and educator and his experience in fundraising and building relationships with the larger business community will be an asset to the university," said Rex Gandy, APSU provost and vice president for academic affairs.

Hepner earned his bachelor's degree in economics in 1992 and a master's degree in economics in 1994, both from the University of Oklahoma. He also received his doctorate in economics from OU in 2001.

Hepner is replacing Charles Moses, who was appointed as the interim dean of the College of Business in May 2016.

Austin Peay State University is a four-year public university in Clarksville, Tennessee, the fifth-largest city in the state. The school is named after former Tennessee Gov. Austin Peay, a Clarksville native. Peay was governor from 1923 until his death in 1927.