

Wake Tech Board Approves Transition Plan for New President

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The Wake Tech Board of Trustees has approved a plan to ensure a smooth and cohesive transition to the presidency of Dr. Scott Ralls. Dr. Ralls will become the fourth president of Wake Tech on April 12, sooner than originally planned.

The plan includes the establishment of a transition team, made up of faculty, staff, administrators, trustees, and student representatives. The team's main focus will be maintaining momentum in college operations and on key initiatives like capital improvement projects and strategic planning. The team will launch a comprehensive communications plan, obtain guidance on pending decisions, and develop a schedule for introducing Dr. Ralls to the college community and external stakeholders.

On February 1, Dr. Gayle Greene, Wake Tech's Executive Vice President, will become Acting President until Dr. Ralls officially joins the college. Dr. Greene currently oversees day-to-day operations, supervises senior administrative staff, and ensures that institutional goals are met. Interim President William Aiken's last day at Wake Tech will be January 31. The transition leadership structure was approved pending review by the State Board of Community Colleges on January 17.

Dr. Ralls was selected to be the next president of Wake Tech on December 18, following an extensive nationwide search, and he brings a wealth of experience to the position. For the past three years he has served as president of Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA), one of the largest and most internationally-diverse community colleges in the U.S. Before moving to Virginia, Dr. Ralls served as president of the NC Community College System, and as president of Craven Community College in New Bern. He holds a bachelor's degree from UNC-Chapel Hill, and master's and doctorate degrees in Industrial and Organizational Psychology from the University of Maryland. He has also worked for the North Carolina Department of Commerce, the U.S. Department of Commerce, and the U.S. Department of Labor.