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TO: MPGE Faculty  
FROM: J. Mike Stice, Dean and Lester A. Day Chair  
RE: MPGE Director transition

Dear Colleagues,

I am pleased to announce that Runar Nygaard has accepted appointment to the position of Director of the Mewbourne School of Petroleum and Geological Engineering. Runar will assume his new role on August 1, 2019. Runar brings to this position comprehensive leadership experience, deep knowledge of petroleum engineering and a forward-looking perspective for the school.

Deepak Devegowda has been appointed Interim Director effective June 1, 2019 through July 31, 2019. Deepak has set aside numerous professional and personal commitments this summer to take on this role and I am very grateful to him for doing so.

Lastly, I want to thank Chandra for his extraordinary service as director for the past twelve years. He has had a long and distinguished career as a faculty member and as an administrator. Chandra's dedication to the work, to the school, and to the students has been remarkable and very much appreciated. Chandra will return to his research and teaching duties and will be awarded the Martin G. Miller Chair in Petroleum and Geological Engineering.

Please join me in thanking Chandra and Deepak for their service and welcoming Runar to his new position.

