

University of Oregon athletic director Bill Moos to step down

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University of Oregon President Dave Frohnmayer today announced that UO athletic director Bill Moos will step down after nearly 12 years in the post. Frohnmayer and Moos made the joint announcement after a series of conversations initiated by Moos about the future direction of the University of Oregon athletics program and Moos' professional and personal goals. Per President Frohnmayer's request, Moos will continue serving as the athletic director until March 2007. "It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as the University of Oregon's athletic director for the last 12 years," said Moos.

President Frohnmayer expressed his appreciation for the leadership Moos has provided to the University of Oregon athletics program and noted his success in a variety of areas including building the athletic department into one of the few self-sufficient athletic programs in the country.

"Bill has clearly demonstrated that it is possible to create a financially sound, self-sufficient athletic program while also creating a supportive environment for our student athletes. The University of Oregon has been successful, partnering with university donors, in building athletic facilities which are state of the art for Division I athletic programs. I greatly appreciate the progress that has been made during Bill's tenure as athletic director," said Frohnmayer.

"Bill and I agreed this was a good time to reflect on that progress and look closely at what it will take to be successful over the next decade. Together we reached the decision that now was the appropriate time to make this change," said Frohnmayer.

"As my family and I considered our future, it became apparent that the time was right to enter into a new chapter in our lives. Though we will miss our many friends, we will forever savor the memories we shared with them," Moos said. "I am proud of what we have accomplished and feel that the program is in solid shape."

"I owe so much to this place and I will reflect with fond memories on my years at the University of Oregon. I am extremely grateful to my coaches and staff and to the many donors who believed in the vision and helped to build the blueprint that has made Oregon one of the premier athletic programs in the country," said Moos.

The university and Moos have reached an agreement in principle that includes Moos staying on as athletic director until March 31, 2007.

Frohnmayer said that the university will begin a selection process immediately with the goal of identifying a candidate prior to Moos' departure.

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