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Marilyn Sheerer, ECU’s dean of the College of Education, has been named interim vice chancellor for advancement.

Sheerer, who will continue her duties as dean, will oversee the division of university advancement until a permanent vice chancellor is chosen, probably in the fall semester. Her appointment is effective June 1.

The division includes fundraising, alumni, marketing and communication offices.

Sheerer succeeds Bill Shelton, who announced in February he planned to move to the College of Education this summer to work with a program designed to train future community college leaders.

Shelton was ECU’s interim chancellor for eight months before Steve Ballard took office.

“Sheeier is an immensely capable leader who is respected and admired throughout the campus,” Ballard said. “She will provide first-rate guidance for the division, and I am grateful that she has agreed to take on these additional duties.”

Sheerer, dean since 1998, has been instrumental in notable successes in fund raising, including a $2 million federal grant to ECU in 2003 and a $1.25 million gift from Wachovia last year.