MESSAGE FROM SBS DIVISIONAL DEAN (Jan Box-Steffensmeier)

Dear Faculty, Staff and Students in the Department of Psychology:

I am pleased to report that Professor John P. Bruno has accepted the offer of a four-year term, starting September 1, 2015, as the chair of the Department of Psychology, pending approval by the Board of Trustees. Under John’s leadership and with your help, I’m certain the department will continue to play a major role in the college and university, as well as maintaining a strong national prominence.

A very special thanks to the members of the Department of Psychology Chair Search Committee, their commitment to the process and the time and effort they invested was vital. Thanks also to Greg Caldeira for chairing the committee and his diligent efforts to keep the process moving forward.

INFORMATION ABOUT DR. BRUNO:

John Bruno, Professor of Psychology, Neuroscience and Psychiatry was appointed as chair of the psychology department for a term beginning on September 1, 2015 and ending on May 31, 2019. Dr. Bruno received his Ph.D. in psychology from the Johns Hopkins University and rose in the ranks at Ohio State from Assistant Professor to department chair. Professor Bruno’s research focuses on the cognitive deficits (attention, working memory, goal planning) that severely limit the ability of patients with schizophrenia to integrate into society. Using animal models in which part of the accompanying pathophysiology and executive cognitive deficits can be reproduced, Bruno’s laboratory tests for novel therapeutic drugs for enhancing cognition and improving patients’ outcomes. A noted behavioral neuroscientist, Dr. Bruno is past President of the International Behavioral Neuroscience Society. At the university, he has been honored with the SBS Joan Huber Faculty Fellowship, the Arts and Sciences Honors Faculty Service and Outstanding Teaching Awards, and the University Distinguished Teaching Award.