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Spread Word Melissa Meschler Anne Rowe, who has served as Florida State University's dean of the faculties and deputy provost since 2003, will retire at the end of May. A Southern-American literature scholar, she is only the third dean of the faculties in the university's history, following Daisy Parker Flory, 1969 to 1985, and Steve Edwards, 1985 to 2003. "Dr. Rowe's vision for the Office of the Dean of the Faculties — to create a responsive organization that integrates the areas of faculty development, human resource management and academic policy implementation — has been realized," said President Eric J. Barron. "She has been an advocate for change, encouraging the development and implementation of new processes and programs designed to support the success of all faculty members throughout their careers." Interim Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs Robert B. Bradley also offered praise for Rowe. "Dean Rowe has long been a tireless advocate for the welfare, well being and success of our faculty," Bradley said. "She brought her concerns and expertise to the Office of the Dean of the Faculties and incorporated a whole series of technologies into its operation. Through her efforts and those of her staff, she has helped realize the vision for the office that she framed almost eight years ago. She will be missed." Faculty Senate President and English Professor Eric C. Walker echoed Bradley. "Dean Rowe has always been a strong and effective advocate for FSU's most precious resource, its faculty, and she has been a special source of wise counsel during the recent and ongoing budget crisis threatening the university," Walker said. Rowe began her academic career at Florida State as an undergraduate student, earning her Bachelor of Art degree summa cum laude, before completing her master's and doctoral degrees in 20th-century British and American literature at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She returned to Florida State's Department of English in 1972 as an assistant professor, and achieved the rank of associate professor in 1977 and professor in 1984. In 1993, Rowe received a University Teaching Award and a Teaching Incentive Award. Throughout her career, Rowe has been an active participant in faculty governance, first as a faculty senator, where she served on numerous committees, and later as the chairwoman of the Department of English, a post she held from 1994 to 1997. In the College of Arts and Sciences, she served as associate dean from 1997 to 2002, and then as senior associate dean from 2002 to 2003. Under Rowe's leadership, the Faculty Handbook was updated, numerous academic policies were re-written, and faculty development processes were revised to make use of updated technologies. In 2006, Rowe established the Office of Faculty Recognition to help recognize and acknowledge faculty accomplishments and enhance the university's stature among peer institutions. "Rowe is known by the faculty as a great colleague and mentor, and she embodies the true essence of the dean of the faculties by serving as a faculty advocate and a liaison to the administration," Barron said.

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Prior to retirement, Anne served as a faculty member in the English Department and held various administrative positions at FSU with the last eight years as the Dean of the Faculties. She has been an advocate and champion for students and faculty success. Anne served as President of the Library Advancement Board from 2017-2020.

Anne earned an undergraduate degree in English from FSU and graduate degrees from the University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill.

Anne joined the Advancement Board in 2009.