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## **UT, MUO faculties form task force on academics**

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The faculty senates at MUO and the University of Toledo have formed a task force to examine academic and faculty issues related to the proposed business combination between the two universities, **Dr. Lawrence Elmer**, MUO Faculty Senate president, announced at a senate meeting earlier this month.

The 10-member task force will work to "enhance prospects that the two universities will benefit from the greatest potential academic synergies and will also identify anticipated challenges related to merging the two faculties," according to Dr. Elmer.

Representing MUO are **Drs. Diana French**, professor of nursing; **Julie Thomas**, professor and chair of occupational therapy; **Imran Ali**, associate professor of neurology; **Joseph Margiotta**, professor of neurosciences; and **James Willey**, professor of medicine.



Dr. Lawrence Elmer

"The task force will enable the two faculties a chance to learn more about the respective institutions, will be instrumental in identifying opportunities for outstanding synergies for faculty members and students and will give faculty members a chance to have critical input on the many decisions we'll encounter in coming months and years," Dr. Elmer said.