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Goertzen Elected ILA Leadership Education Interest Group Chair

Hays, Kan. (February 23, 2011) The Department of Leadership Studies is proud to announce the department chair, Brent Goertzen, the new International Leadership Association (ILA) chair for the Leadership Education interest group. The ILA is comprised of five member interest groups: business, development, education, public, and scholarship. The mission of ILA is the global network for all those who practice, study and teach leadership. Goertzen's area of interest is in the education group, because his expertise is in teaching leadership and student affairs programs.

In December 2009 he was voted as chair-elect, and served with then-chair, Sara Thompson from the University of Illinois during the 2010 calendar year. Goertzen now chairs the interest group with newly elected chair-elect, Matthew Sowcik from Wilkes University in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. Currently, plans are underway to hold the 13th annual conference of the ILA in London in October 2011. Goertzen and Sowcik are actively working to coordinate an assortment of workshops, panel presentations, and other seminars intended to provide resources for others interested in the teaching of leadership at the annual conference.

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It is an honor to have Goertzen head the committee to represent Fort Hays State University (FHSU) and the Department of Leadership Studies. The Leadership Department at FHSU was one of the first leadership programs in the United States. To learn more about the department visit www.fhsu.edu/leadership or for the International Leadership Association visit www.ila-net.org