Biography

Joe Colletti, Interim Endowed Dean
College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

Joe Colletti is the interim endowed dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Iowa State University and the interim director of the Iowa Agriculture and Home Economics Experiment Station. He was appointed interim endowed dean in November 2017. As leader of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, he represents Iowa State University on many boards of agricultural organizations in Iowa and around the country.

From 2006 to 2017, Colletti served as senior associate dean in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and associate director of the Iowa Agriculture and Home Economics Experiment Station. In those roles, he oversaw budgets, resources and personnel for the college and the Experiment Station, and facilitated research related to the bioeconomy, including development of the university’s BioCentury Research Farm, as well as initiatives in Big Data and other research priorities.

Colletti joined Iowa State in 1978 as a member of the forestry department faculty. He served as interim chair of the Department of Natural Resource Ecology and Management from 2004-2005.

His research areas focus on the economics of agroforestry, management of streamside buffer systems on farmland and biorenewable resources. He has taught undergraduate and graduate courses in forestry and natural resources economics, decision-making and management.

Colletti earned his Ph.D. and his master’s degree in forest economics from the University of Wisconsin, Madison. He earned his bachelor’s degree in forestry at Humboldt State University.

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