MENOMONIE — Phil Lyons has been appointed vice chancellor for Administrative and Student Life Services at UW-Stout.

Lyons has filled the position on an interim basis since March, when UW-Stout officials dismissed Ed Nieskes for not reimbursing the university for improper personal expenses. He had been assistant vice chancellor in that division since 2007.

"Phil is extremely well-qualified for this position," Chancellor Charles Sorensen said. "He is a true professional who will excel in meeting the broad responsibilities of this position."

The division Lyons will lead includes areas such as student life services, business and financial services, health and safety, and facilities management.

Lyons came to UW-Stout after working various jobs at Saint Louis University in St. Louis, Mo., from 1990 to 2007.