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Thomas E. Olson came to Virginia Tech from CSX Oil and Gas in 1988. He has held a variety of positions at Virginia Tech, starting as a budget manager responsible for the budgets of the Virginia Agriculture Experiment Station and Virginia Cooperative Extension. He was promoted to associate director of the Office of Sponsored Programs in 1997 and has been the assistant dean for finance and administration at the College of Natural Resources since 2000.

As the assistant dean, Olson serves a variety of roles. He is responsible for the college budget, human resources, and research administration, and he is normally a “one-stop shop” for most signatures in the college.

At CSX Oil and Gas, a subsidiary of CSX, a Virginia-based railroad company, Olson started out as a joint venture

auditor and was promoted to supervisor of the company’s production accounting area, which included the sale and accounting of oil as well as the transmission of natural gas throughout the country. The company was later sold to the French oil and gas company, Total Energy.

Olson moved to the United States from his native Sweden in 1974, and earned a B.S. in animal science and a B.A. in German from West Virginia University between 1974 and 1979. He completed his Master of International Business Studies (MIBS) at the University of South Carolina in 1979.

Olson lives in Blacksburg with his wife, Martha; they have two sons, Niklas and Erik.

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