FOOTBALL COACH BOB TOLEDO RESIGNS POST

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Tulane University Director of Athletics Rick Dickson announced today (Oct. 18) that Bob Toledo has resigned as the head football coach of the Green Wave, effective immediately. Co-offensive coordinator Mark Hutson will be the interim head coach of the Green Wave for the remaining six regular season games.

Tulane will begin a nationwide search for a new head football coach immediately.

"We are very appreciative of the job Bob and his staff did both on and off the field during their four and half seasons," Dickson said. "A transition like this is always difficult and we are very grateful that Bob and his assistants will ensure that the program can continue to move forward without interruption for the next six games."

Toledo, who was in his fifth season, was 15-40 as the <u>Green Wave's</u> head coach and 93-108 in 18 seasons as a collegiate head coach, but Tulane stumbled to a 2-5 overall record this season and fell to UTEP last week at home, 44-7. His best seasons came in 2010 and 2007 when he guided the Wave to a pair of four-win seasons.

"As we outlined last spring, the university has committed additional resources to athletics with the express purpose of enhancing our football program," Dickson said. "Among those increases are overall budgets, academic support and salary pools. We are also making substantial progress in planning and fundraising for a new stadium to house the Green Wave. We will continue to work with the next head coach in every area to become successful."

"I want to thank Rick for giving me the opportunity to coach at Tulane," Toledo said.

"I also want to thank my coaching staff for their hard work, dedication and loyalty, as well as the players. I wish the team and coaches the best for the remainder of the season."