

**Update on College of Design Dean Search | November 21, 2016**

Dear College of Design Faculty, Staff, and Students,

I write with an update on the search for the next dean of the College of Design.

The 12-member search committee, chaired by CEHD Dean Jean Quam, has been active throughout the summer and fall and recently held confidential interviews with a select group of candidates. Based on candidate materials and interviews, the committee recommended to me a set of candidates to invite to public interviews on campus. I have accepted their recommendations and invite you to join me in welcoming finalists to the campus, beginning November 29.

Each of four finalists will be on campus for a 1¹/₂-day visit, which will include a public forum and meetings with various college and University stakeholder groups. I invite you to meet and talk with candidates at their respective public forums, each of which will include a brief presentation of the candidate's perspective on the role of a design college in a 21st-century land grant public research university. Each presentation will be followed by open Q&A and a reception.

Please note the dates, times, and locations of the forums:

Candidate 1—**Wed., November 30**, 2-3:30 p.m., Northrop Best Buy Theater, (4th floor)

Candidate 2—**Fri., December 2**, 2-3:30 p.m., 2-3:30, Northrop Best Buy Theater (4th floor)

Candidate 3—**Tues., December 6**, 2-3:30 p.m., 2-3:30, Northrop Best Buy Theater, (4th floor)

Candidate 4—**Wed., December 14**, 2-3:30 p.m., 402 Walter Library

We will introduce each candidate the day before his or her visit, with names and CVs posted on the [CDes dean search website](#). Following each forum, we will post a link to a webcast so that members of the college community who were unable to attend can view each candidate's presentation.

As the visits occur, please take time to review the candidates' materials, attend or view the public forums, and then please provide me with your feedback by completing the evaluation forms that will be distributed at the public forums and posted on the [search website](#).

I look forward to your participation in this important leadership search. If you have questions about the search process, please contact [Kate Tyler](#) (ktyler@umn.edu) in my office.

Sincerely,

Karen Hanson
Executive Vice President and Provost