

**Moving Ahead with College of Design Dean Search | May 3, 2016**

Dear College of Design Faculty, Staff, and Students,

I write to update you on the renewed national search for a new dean of the College of Design at the University of Minnesota.

First, I want to thank all of you who submitted nominations for individuals to serve on the search committee. I greatly appreciate your taking the time to share with me your thoughts and your excellent recommendations.

A search committee has been appointed, with the initial meeting set for May 12. I want to thank CEHD Dean **Jean Quam** for continuing to provide leadership for the CDes search process as committee chair. The search committee also includes:

**Sarah Alfalah**, Ph.D. Student, Graduate Teaching Instructor, and Research Assistant, Graphic Design Program, Design, Housing, & Apparel

**Abimbola (Abi) Asojo**, Professor and Director of Interior Design Program, Design, Housing, and Apparel

**Michael Bjornberg**, Project Manager and Architect, HGA Architects and Engineers; Assistant Adjunct Professor/Professor in Practice, School of Architecture

**Elizabeth "Missy" Bye**, Professor, Apparel Design, and Head, Design, Housing, & Apparel

**William Conway**, Professor, School of Architecture

**Patrick English**, Undergraduate Student, Architecture

**Joe Favour**, Associate Professor in Practice and Interim Head, Landscape Architecture

**Richard Graves**, Associate Professor and Director of Center for Sustainable Building Research, School of Architecture

**Hynjoo Im**, Assistant Professor, Retail Merchandising Program, Design, Housing, & Apparel

**Kate Maple**, Assistant Dean, Undergraduate Student Services, College of Design

**Lin Nelson-Mayson**, Director, Goldstein Museum of Design; Director of Graduate Studies, Museum Studies Graduate Minor; Board Chair, Minnesota Association of Museums

In the coming weeks, Interim Dean Yust will convene listening sessions to elicit broad input on the position profile from the college community and others. We want to advertise the position by late spring so that we can begin to recruit candidates over the summer and be in a position to invite candidates to public interviews in late fall. Consultants from the national search firm Isaacson, Miller will continue to partner with me and the renewed search committee to develop a robust and diverse pool of candidates.

In my March update, I noted the collective sense of excitement about the college's future that positions the college well for a successful search. I encourage you to continue to engage with the search process by attending listening sessions and sharing your perspectives with members of the search committee, by actively recruiting and nominating qualified candidates, and by participating in the public forums when they are announced. We will provide ongoing updates on the [CDes dean search website](#).

If you have questions or suggestions, or would like more information about the search process, please contact search committee chair **Jean Quam** or Provost's Office liaison to the committee **Kate Tyler**.

Sincerely,

Karen Hanson  
Executive Vice President and Provost