



Update on College of Design Dean Search | September 23, 2016

Dear College of Design Faculty, Staff, and Students,

I am pleased to update you on the national search for a new Dean of the College of Design.

When I last wrote to you, in July, the 12-member search committee, chaired by CEHD dean Jean Quam, had reviewed input from the series of college listening sessions, shaped a position profile highlighting the opportunities for the next dean, and begun an energetic effort at candidate recruitment.

Over the summer, the committee and the search consultants from Isaacson Miller have continued aggressive sourcing and recruiting. I thank all of you who have strengthened this effort through active outreach to your professional and scholarly networks and through your nominations of prospective candidates. The search committee met in mid-August to review recruitment to date and to confirm that we are on track to build a strong candidate pool.

Vigorous recruitment will continue into mid-October. The committee expects to conduct confidential interviews with selected candidates in early November, following which we will identify finalists to be invited to campus for public interviews. We expect those interviews to take place late in the fall semester and we'll share the dates with you as soon as they are confirmed. I hope that many of you will be on hand to welcome the final candidates to campus and that you will share your perspectives with me following the public interviews.

Please continue to help promote the dean position and to suggest potential candidates. Your continued involvement during the recruiting period is critical to our success in building the pool from which your next dean will be chosen. Consult the [CDes dean search website](#) for the complete position profile, application and nomination procedures, and the latest information about the search. If you have questions or would like to share your thoughts on the search, I invite you to email [Dean Quam](#) directly or contact the search committee using the link on the search webpage. Questions about the search process may also be directed to [Kate Tyler](#) in my office.

I thank Becky Yust for continuing her careful, thoughtful, and constructive leadership as interim dean, and I thank all of you for your continued engagement in planning for the future.

Sincerely,

Karen Hanson
Executive Vice President and Provost