



**Update on College of Design Dean Search** | January 17, 2017

Dear College of Design Faculty, Staff, and Students,

I write with an update on the University's national search for the next dean of the College of Design.

Over several weeks in November and December, guided by the search committee's careful work and thoughtful recommendations, I announced our four finalists and invited you to participate in their visits to campus for public interviews. I am grateful for your strong engagement during the visits, including your participation in interview sessions and the public forums and your completion of evaluations of each of the candidates.

Since the completion of public interviews, referencing has continued, and I have been considering your detailed comments on the finalists, the evaluations of the search committee, outside evaluations, and my own conversations with the finalists. This phase of the search proceeds with the same care and diligence as the recruitment and interview phases, and so it does require a bit of time. Please know, however, that the processes are moving along and I hope to make an announcement to you soon.

I will continue to keep you informed about this search. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact [Kate Tyler](mailto:ktyler@umn.edu) (ktyler@umn.edu) in my office.

Sincerely,

Karen Hanson

Executive Vice President and Provost