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Dear College of Design Community,

I'm pleased to be back in touch with an update on the national search for the next dean of the University's College of Design.

After gathering broad and insightful feedback during listening sessions held at the start of the new year, the search committee has now approved a position specification for the dean position that reflects your input. Your thoughts and comments have been invaluable in shaping a strong and compelling document that captures the depth and breadth of the College, its challenges and its tremendous opportunities. The position specification and other information about the search may be found on the [dean search website](#).

With assistance from our national search consultants, we have embarked upon an aggressive recruiting strategy. I would especially value your involvement and ask that you bring this opportunity to the attention of qualified colleagues/ potential candidates here and at other universities and organizations. As one of the country's most comprehensive design colleges, we know the College of Design is well-positioned to recruit a strong and diverse pool of candidates who will continue its strong tradition of boundary-pushing research, exceptional teaching and strengthening its vital connections to industry. Your active involvement during this recruiting period is critical to our success in building an excellent pool of qualified candidates from which the next dean will be chosen.

Please feel free to submit confidential nominations and applications directly to Rosa Morris, our Korn Ferry search consultant at UMN-DeanCOD@KornFerry.com. Any potential candidate who wishes to discuss the position can reach out in strict confidence to Rosa Morris at Rosa.Morris@KornFerry.com directly.

Once applications are received, the search committee will enter the confidential phase of the search, meeting to review and discuss candidates in the pool. Following a subsequent set of confidential interviews, the search committee will recommend to me a small pool of

individuals to consider as public finalists. I expect to announce the finalists and plan for public interviews in late spring. Please watch for opportunities to meet and evaluate these finalists during the public interviews when they are announced.

I want to again thank the members of the search committee for their involvement and engagement, with special thanks to Vice Provost and Dean of Undergraduate Education, Bob McMaster, for serving as committee chair. I also thank all of you for your feedback and input in this important search up until now, and in the future.

Laura Negrini in my office will be happy to answer any questions you may have about the search process. She can be reached at:
cdessearch@umn.edu.

I am grateful for your continued engagement toward the goal of selecting a leader who will provide an important voice within the University and our communities.

Sincerely yours,

Rachel T.A. Croson
Executive Vice President and Provost

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