



## Office of the Executive Vice President and Provost

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Dear Colleagues,

I am pleased to share an update on the search for a new Dean of the College of Design at the University of Minnesota.

The 13-member search committee, chaired by Vice Provost and Dean of Undergraduate Education Robert McMaster, has been actively recruiting and reviewing candidates and recently held confidential interviews. I am pleased to invite you to join me in welcoming four outstanding finalists to the campus, beginning April 19.

Each of the four finalists will be on campus for a two-day visit that will include a public forum and a set of small-group meetings. Each forum will include the candidate's presentation of their vision, together with an open Q&A session, followed by an informal reception. Each public forum will be held in the Best Buy Theater on the fourth floor of [Northrop Memorial Auditorium](#). Please note the dates and times of the public forums and plan to attend if you are able:

- Wednesday, April 19, 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.
- Monday, April 24, 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.
- Monday, May 1, 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.
- Thursday, May 4, 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Following each forum, we expect to have a link to a recording so that those who were unable to attend may view the candidates' presentations. The recording will be available for two days following the candidates' presentation and will require University login credentials/authentication.

We will introduce each candidate one day ahead of the visit, with names and CVs posted on the [College of Design dean search website](#). As the visits occur, please also take time to review the candidates' materials, attend or view the public forums, and provide me with your feedback using the [evaluation form](#) for each candidate that will also be available on the College of Design search website.

If you have any questions about the search process, please feel free to reach out to Laura Negrini ([negri001@umn.edu](mailto:negri001@umn.edu)) in my office.

I am delighted with the strengths and qualifications of our finalists, and with this transition to the public phase of the search. I look forward to your participation and to hearing your input on these outstanding candidates.

Sincerely yours,

Rachel T.A. Croson  
Executive Vice President and Provost

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