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Montana State University Office of the President



Dear MSU Community,

As you know, the position of Provost plays one of the most important roles at any university. We at Montana State University have been fortunate to have had exceptional Provosts who have helped elevate the academic profile and the scholarly impact of our land-grant university.

Today, I am announcing the commencement of our search for MSU's Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost at MSU. A search committee has been formed with individuals whose backgrounds and contributions to MSU will enrich the deliberations needed for us to identify the most qualified candidates. We expect finalists to visit our campus in the spring of 2017 and our Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost to start no later than July 1, 2017.

The search committee will be chaired by Terry Leist, Vice President of Administration and Finance. The committee members, in alphabetical order, are:

- Shadmani Amin, Lab Coordinator, Chemistry & Biochemistry, College of Letters & Science
- Michael Babcock, Chair, MSU Faculty Senate, and Professor of Psychology, College of Letters & Science
- Carina Beck, Director, Allen Yarnell Center for Student Success
- F. William Brown, Professor of Management, Jake Jabs College of Business & Entrepreneurship
- Anne Camper, Regents Professor and Associate Dean, College of Engineering
- John Cech, Deputy Commissioner for Academic & Student Affairs, Montana Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education
- Jeffrey Conger, MSU Faculty Leadership Fellow and Professor and Program Chair of Graphic Design, College of Arts and Architecture
- David Dickensheets, Professor, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, College of Engineering
- Rachel Endecott, Associate Professor, Extension and Department of Animal and Range Sciences, College of Agriculture
- Tony Hartshorn, Assistant Professor, Department of Land Resources & Environmental Sciences, College of Agriculture
- Jeff Hostetler, General Education faculty, Gallatin College MSU

- Yves Idzerda, Professor and Department Head, Physics, College of Letters & Science
- Garrett Leach, President, Associated Students of MSU
- Terry Leist, Vice President for Administration & Finance, Committee Chair
- Mary Murphy, Professor of History, College of Letters & Science
- Donna Williams, Professor and Associate Dean, College of Nursing
- Sweeney Windchief, Associate Professor, Adult & Higher Education, College of Education, Health and Human Development

In the coming weeks, additional information will be communicated about the process, including a search firm and the calendar of events. Until then, please feel free to share your thoughts and desires for this important position with members of the search committee so they may incorporate your comments into the process.

Searching for a new provost is a weighty responsibility and I hope you will join me in thanking the search committee members for taking on this task, as we continue to build an even better and stronger Montana State University.

Sincerely,

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