Dear CSS Community:

I am writing with an update on the efforts that will lead to identifying a new dean for the College of Social Science. Current circumstances have led to discussion about the best approach and timing for the search for the next dean. After consultation with the search firm, the members of the Search Committee, and the members of your College Advisory Committee, I have reached the decision to move forward with an internal search.

We plan to announce the position prior to the winter break, and then to work actively on the search process in the winter and spring months. Our hope is to seat a new dean by mid to late summer.

The College of Social Science is foundational to the quality and scope of advancing our institutional missions. The position of dean offers an exciting opportunity to provide leadership and vision as your college highlights priorities, expands opportunities, and creates signature pathways to the future. The new dean will be able to work across the university in close partnership and collaboration with other deans to elevate and advance the College of Social Science. I ask each of you, as members of the College of Social Science Community, to encourage the candidacy of colleagues whose talents and perspectives would make them excellent candidates. I also extend an invitation to those who are tenured full professors to consider stepping up to apply to serve the college in the role of dean.

I want to acknowledge with appreciation the continuing leadership and dedication of Dean Mary Finn. I am excited that we will build on her work and the noteworthy strengths of your college as we all work together to identify the next dean. In the next few weeks, you will hear from the Search Committee, co-chaired by Dr. Tim Vogelsang and Dean Cameron Thies, with details about the search process.

Best wishes,

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