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## Office of the President-Designate

Dear faculty, staff, and students,

As the spring semester draws to a close with commencement celebrations, I applaud your work and many accomplishments, and offer my heartfelt congratulations to all our graduates. I also write today with an update on the search for our next executive vice president and provost.

With great appreciation for your nominations and interest, I have collaborated closely with cochairs Vice President Chris Cramer and Professor Amy Pittenger to appoint a search committee. We selected individuals to ensure broad representation from across the University. Members of the committee include:

- Noro Andriamanalina, Director, Academic and Professional Development, Graduate School;
- Connie Delaney, Dean, School of Nursing;
- Beverly Durgan, Dean, University of Minnesota Extension;
- Andrew Durkot, Professional Student, Hubert H. Humphrey School of Public Affairs, and VP-Elect, Professional Student Government;
- James Farnsworth, Undergraduate Student, College of Education and Human Development, and Communications Director, Minnesota Student Association;
- Tom Fisher, Professor and Director, Minnesota Design Center, College of Design;
- Michael Goh, Vice President for Equity and Diversity;
- Jennifer Goodnough, Associate Professor, Division of Science and Math, University of Minnesota Morris;

- Tabitha Grier-Reed, Associate Professor, Department of Family Social Science, College of Education and Human Development;
- Katherine Hayes, Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology and American Indian Studies, College of Liberal Arts;
- Fionnuala Ní Aoláin, Regents Professor and Director, Human Rights Center, Law School;
- Raj Singh, Associate Dean of Undergraduate Programs, and Professor, Department of Finance, Carlson School of Management;
- Robert Sterner, Professor of Biology, and Director, Large Lakes Observatory, Swenson College of Science and Engineering, University of Minnesota Duluth;
- David Tilman, Regents Professor and McKnight Presidential Chair, Department of Ecology, Evolution and Behavior, College of Biological Sciences;
- Nina Wang, Graduate Program Coordinator and M.Ed. Advisor, Department of Kinesiology, College of Education and Human Development; and
- Keelin Yenney-Henderson, Academic Advisor, College of Liberal Arts, and PhD, College of Education and Human Development

We thank the committee in advance for their efforts. As representative as they are, we know there are even more voices in a University of this size and complexity—so we encourage you to continue to [share your comments](#), perspectives, and ideas, including potential interview questions for the search committee to consider.

The first meeting of the search committee will be held in mid-May, and I look forward to participating and delivering the formal charge. In the interim, comprehensive recruiting efforts commence immediately, and will continue throughout the summer months in anticipation of hosting public interviews with finalists in the fall.

Our aim is a robust, diverse candidate pool, and to this end, we encourage your assistance in bringing this exciting opportunity to the attention of well-qualified individuals here and at other universities and organizations across the country. The full position profile will be posted on the search website soon, but there is an [advertisement currently running](#).

Nominations and applications will be reviewed beginning immediately and will be accepted until the position is filled, with a priority deadline of Friday, July 12. To ensure full consideration, please submit your inquiries, nominations, and applications electronically, in strict confidence, to:

[Josh-Ward@KornFerry.com](mailto:Josh-Ward@KornFerry.com)

We have also created a dedicated [provost search website](#), where we will post updates and other important information related to the search. Please consult the search website for the very latest information.

Finally, thanks to all of you who participated in one of the many targeted listening sessions that were held with key stakeholders; in the campus or system open forums for all faculty, staff, and students; in providing your feedback via the open comment form on the website; or in nominating colleagues. Your input and engagement have been incredibly valuable, and I appreciate the opportunity to collaborate with you on this critical hire. I have also benefitted greatly from the wise counsel of Provost Karen Hanson throughout this process.

If you have questions or would like more information about the position, search process, or application or nomination procedures, please feel free to contact cochairs Vice President Cramer ([cramer@umn.edu](mailto:cramer@umn.edu)) or Professor Pittenger ([alp@umn.edu](mailto:alp@umn.edu)), or HR Director Kate Stuckert ([stuck005@umn.edu](mailto:stuck005@umn.edu)), for assistance.

I look forward to keeping you updated as the process moves forward, and to getting started as your president on July 1.

Best regards,

Joan T.A. Gabel

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