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[On behalf of Bob Donley:](#)

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[Email from President Geoffroy regarding the appointment of three new deans at ISU --](#)

I am pleased to inform you that we have successfully concluded our searches for new Deans of our Colleges of Design, Engineering and Human Sciences with the selection of exceptional individuals to lead each college. You may want to inform the other regents of these appointments prior to our public announcement next Monday.

We conducted a national search for each position with each search committee identifying and screening a number of outstanding candidates. The search committees for Design and Engineering recommended four finalists who we then brought to campus for two-day public interviews. We solicited feedback from all who interacted with the candidates, and Provost Hoffman and I then made the final decisions. The search committee for Human Sciences identified one clear favorite among all the candidates they screened - Dr. Pam White who has twice served as interim dean - and recommended that she be the sole final candidate for the position. We also took Dr. White through a similar two-day public interview process on campus, and she received strong support from all who interacted with her, as we fully expected. Following are brief descriptions of the persons selected for these three critical leadership positions:

College of Design:

Luis Rico-Gutierrez has served as associate dean of the College of Fine Arts at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh since 2001, and is the David Lewis Director of the university's Remaking Cities Institute, an urban design research center. He has been a member of the Carnegie Mellon faculty since 1996 and was associate head of the School of Architecture from 2001-04. He was a professor in the School of Architecture at ITESM, Queretaro, Mexico, from 1993-96, and manager of the architecture department at Fundacion Rafael Leoz, Madrid, Spain, from 1991-93. He chairs the innovation and new directions task force of the International Council of Fine Arts Deans, and is professionally accredited in Mexico and Spain. He earned his bachelor's degree in architecture in 1986 from ITESM, Mexico, a graduate degree in 1988 from Fundacion Rafael Leoz, Spain; and master's degree in architecture in 1997 from Carnegie Mellon.

College of Engineering:

Jonathan Wickert has been at Iowa State since 2007, serving as chair of the Department of Mechanical Engineering and holder of the Larry and Pam Pithan Professor of Mechanical Engineering. From 1990 to 2007, he was a member of the mechanical engineering faculty at Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, and has also served as a visiting research fellow at the University of Cambridge, England; and visiting professor at Helsinki University of Technology, Finland. He is nationally recognized for research in mechanical vibration and applied mechanics, and he was a founding member of the American Society for Mechanical Engineer's (ASME) information storage and processing systems division. He is a Fellow and a member of the Department Chair Executive Committee of the ASME, and has served as an associate editor of the *Journal of Vibration and Acoustics* and the *Journal of Information Storage Systems*. He received the bachelor's degree in 1985, master's degree in 1987, and Ph.D. in 1989 in mechanical engineering from the University of California, Berkeley.

College of Human Sciences:

Pam White, University Professor of food science and human nutrition, has served as interim dean since 2008. She previously served as interim dean of the College of Family and Consumer Sciences from 2003 to 2005, and continued as interim dean when the college was combined with the College of Education to form the College of Human Sciences. She also served as interim chair of the Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition from 1995 to 1997. She has been a member of the Iowa State faculty since 1975 and has established a nationally recognized research program in the oxidization of edible oils and their sensory and chemical changes, uses of antioxidants in oils, and the structure and function of soluble fiber - all aimed at creating new and improved foods. She is a former president of the American Oil Chemists Society, and has been recognized by that group for outstanding research accomplishments in fats and oils. She earned her bachelor's degree in 1972 and master's degree in 1974 from the University of Washington, Seattle, and Ph.D. in food technology from Iowa State in 1981.