



Dentistry Dean Search Update

From: Executive Vice President and Provost Rachel Croson

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Dear Dentistry Faculty, Staff, and Students:

I am pleased to be in touch with you about the launch of the internal University of Minnesota search for dean of the School of Dentistry, following on from my [January 28, 2021 email](#).

I have appointed a [search committee](#) that will convene this month, with the goal of identifying the next dean of the School of Dentistry by the end of the fiscal year. This timeline is in alignment with planned transitions in three colleges with interim deans in place. I thank Lynda Welage, professor and dean of the College of Pharmacy, for agreeing to serve as committee chair for this search. The invited members of the committee were drawn from a broad pool of nominations from the School of Dentistry community, and I thank all who sent suggestions and recommendations, all of which were carefully considered.

The School of Dentistry is well-positioned to recruit a strong dean from among the ranks of outstanding faculty. The search committee will work to confidentially recruit and evaluate a pool of candidates to recommend to me for consideration as public finalists. The public interview and evaluation process will engage all members of the faculty, staff, and student leaders of the school, along with alumni and other internal and external stakeholders. Given the limitations imposed by the pandemic, all interviews will be conducted virtually.

Search updates will be posted on the [Dentistry dean search webpage](#), and I will continue to provide periodic updates to the school as the search moves forward. I encourage you to send nominations of potential candidates to any member of the search committee or at umndentsrch@umn.edu. The dean position description will be posted in the University's online application system during the first week of April; further information will be forthcoming including a link to the position description and application process. Any questions about the search process may be directed to Deb Cran in my office via email to umndentsrch@umn.edu.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to the School of Dentistry and the University of Minnesota, and for your engagement as this important search moves forward.

Sincerely yours,

Rachel T.A. Croson
Executive Vice President and Provost

This email was sent 3/23/2021 to all faculty, staff, students, and residents in the School of Dentistry by the UMN Office of the Executive Vice President and Provost.