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## CBS Dean Search Update

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From: Executive Vice President and Provost Rachel Croson

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### Office of the Executive Vice President and Provost

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Dear CBS faculty, staff, and students,

I'm pleased to be back in touch with an update on the national search for the next dean of the University of Minnesota College of Biological Sciences.

The search committee has met and we now have completed a leadership profile for the dean position that reflects input from the committee and from extensive listening sessions. It captures the College's unique vitality and breadth spanning the full range of the biological sciences, and highlights important expectations and opportunities for the next dean. The profile and other information about the search may be found on the [search webpage](#) on the CBS website.

With assistance from our national search consultants, we are now embarking on aggressive recruiting for the position. I would especially value your assistance in bringing this opportunity to the attention of qualified colleagues here and at other universities and organizations more broadly. The College is well-positioned to recruit a strong and diverse pool of candidates, and your active involvement is critical to our success.

You may submit confidential nominations and suggestions to our search consultants at WittKieffer ([MinnesotaDeanCBS@wittkieffer.com](mailto:MinnesotaDeanCBS@wittkieffer.com)). Any potential candidate who wishes to discuss the position also can reach out in strict confidence to consultants Suzanne Teer and associates via this email.

The search committee will identify individuals for confidential interviews. Following those preliminary interviews, the committee will recommend to me a subset of individuals to consider inviting as public finalists. I expect to announce finalist candidates and plan public interviews by late spring. Please watch for announced opportunities to meet and evaluate finalists during this stage.

I thank the members of the search committee, with special thanks to CFANS Dean Brian Buhr for serving as committee chair. I also thank all of you for your continued engagement in this important search. Any questions about the search process may be directed to Kate Tyler via email to [umn-cbssearch@umn.edu](mailto:umn-cbssearch@umn.edu).

I am grateful for your contributions and continued engagement as we complete this important leadership search.

Sincerely yours,

Rachel T.A. Croson  
Executive Vice President and Provost

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