



**Provost and
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Letter to ISU Faculty and Staff

Dear Colleagues,

I have heard from the chairs of the three task forces, and I am delighted to report that they have appointed their respective committees. I applaud the task force chairs for attempting to construct committees that are diverse and balanced but not overly large and thus unwieldy. I note, for example, that the committees contain sitting and former senate members as well as present and former department chairs. Here are the three task forces:

Task Force on Pharmacy and Health Professions

Linda Hatzenbuehler (chair)
Carol Ashton, School of Nursing
Paul Cady, Pharmacy
Tracy Farnsworth, Health Care Administration
Steve Feit, Counseling
Kathleen Hodges, Dental Hygiene
Jim Lai, Biomedical and Pharmaceutical Sciences
Galen Louis, Public Health (Meridian)
Catherine Oliphant, Pharmacy Practice and Administration (Meridian)
Chris Owens, Pharmaceutical Practice and Administrative Sciences
Neill Piland, Institute of Rural Health
Tony Seikel, Communication Sciences & Disorders and Education of Deaf (CSED)
Timothy Hunt, Biomedical and Pharmaceutical Sciences

Task Force on Arts, Humanities, Social Sciences, and Education


Kandi Turley-Ames (Chair)
David Adler, Political Science
Karen Appleby, Sport Science and Physical Education
Sherri Dienstfry, Theater and Dance
Thom Hasenpflug, Music
Susan Jenkins, Educational Foundations
Nancy Legge, Communication and Rhetorical Studies
Herb Maschner, Anthropology
Jack Newsome, Educational Foundations
Thomas Terry, Mass Communications
Curtis Whitaker, English and Philosophy
Laura Woodworth-Ney, History
Maria Wong, Psychology

Task Force on Science and Engineering

Pamela Crowell, Research (Co-chair)
Stephen Adkison, Academic Affairs (Co-chair)
Daniel Ames, Geosciences
Richard Brey, Physics
Dring Crowell, Biological Sciences
Arya Ebrahimpour, Civil Engineering
Nancy Glenn, Geosciences
Robert Holman, Chemistry
Alan Hunt, Physics
George Imel, Nuclear Engineering
Tracy Payne, Math
Kenneth Rodnick, Biological Sciences

As a reminder, the task forces will hold public meetings to discuss options before making recommendations. Once the committees do make recommendations, I will hold at least one and perhaps more campus-wide assemblies to discuss the recommendations. I hope you will participate actively in the process.

Cordially,


Gary A. Olson
Provost and Professor

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