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ISU Faculty and Staff

Dear Colleagues,

I am writing with an update on issues affecting Academic Affairs.

We have completed the screening and interview process for the four available leadership positions, and I am delighted to report the results of that process. First, let me say that we had a very strong slate of finalists for all four positions, and I want to thank each of them for their interest in serving and for the fine discussions we had during the process.

Dr. Linda Hatzenbuehler will serve as the interim head of the newly formed Division of Health Sciences. Dr. Hatzenbuehler earned her PhD in clinical psychology from Kent State University in 1977. She served as Dean of the Kasiska College of Health Professions from 1986 to 2009, when she was appointed Interim Associate Vice President for Health Education. During her tenure as Dean, the College grew from seven departments and eight academic programs to eleven departments and seventeen health professional programs and twelve clinics, located on two campuses, with a total budget from all sources in excess of \$20 million. Dr. Hatzenbuehler helped develop The Institute of Rural Health and The Idaho Center for Disabilities Evaluation, both of which continue to be funded entirely on grants and contracts. While heading the newly formed Division, Dr. Hatzenbuehler will retain her title as Associate Vice President.

Dr. Kandi Turley-Ames will serve as interim founding dean of the newly formed College of Arts and Letters. Dr. Turley-Ames earned her PhD in Psychology with an emphasis in cognition and memory in 1996 from Washington State University. She served as Chair of the Department of Psychology from 2003 to 2009, where she helped develop a Clinical Psychology Ph.D. that is rated first in the nation out of 207 programs based on licensure exam scores. She has also served as Interim Assistant Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and Acting Graduate Dean. In 2006-2007 she was named Distinguished Teacher at Idaho State University. She is a graduate of the Higher Education Resource Service (HERS) for women in higher education administration, and in 2007-2008 was a Nominee for the US Professors of the Year Award. Over the last year she served as Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Dr. George Imel will serve as interim founding dean of the newly formed College of Science and Engineering. Dr. Imel earned his PhD in Physics and Nuclear Engineering from Pennsylvania State University in 1977. As both a scientist and an engineer, Dr. Imel embodies the new merger of science and engineering on our campus. Since 2007, he has served as chair of the Department of Nuclear Engineering. He has direct experience at 14 experimental nuclear reactors at national laboratories in the United States, France and Italy, and he has major publications on plasma physics, ionospheric physics, materials science, fusion engineering, neutron radiography, neutron measurements, and system modeling. Dr. Imel has held graduate faculty status at the University of Idaho, Penn State University, Idaho State University, University Louis Pasteur (France), the Federal Polytechnic Institute of Lausanne (Switzerland), the University of Madrid (Spain), the Polytechnic Institute of Grenoble (France), and the University Blaise Pascal (France). He has attracted over 3 million dollars in external funding for his research.

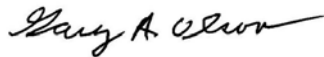
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Dr. Laura Woodworth-Ney will serve as Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs. Dr. Woodworth-Ney earned her PhD in American History and Public History from Washington State University in 1996. She serves as Executive Editor of the Center for Idaho History and Politics, and is the Founding co-editor (with two colleagues) of the Idaho State Historical Society's *Idaho Landscapes: The Magazine of Idaho History, Science, and Art*. From 2003 to 2008 she served as Editor-in-chief of *Idaho Yesterdays: The Journal of Idaho History*, and she currently serves as the Editor of a scholarly book series published by the University of Arizona Press, entitled *Women's Western Voices*. She is a prolific scholar, having published nearly 30 articles, book reviews, and scholarly encyclopedia entries, as well as several books. Her *Mapping Identity: The Creation of the Coeur d'Alene Indian Reservation, 1805-1902* (University Press of Colorado) was a finalist for the 2005 Idaho Library Association Book of the Year Award. She and her colleagues have applied for nearly \$1.8 million in external funding and to date have been awarded \$98,500. From 2000 to 2007 she served as Co-Director of Women's Studies, and from 2006 to 2007 she served on the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate. She currently serves as Chair of the Department of History.

This is an extraordinary group of very capable faculty, and we are truly grateful for their past service and for their willingness to serve in these important leadership positions. I would like to thank Professor Alan Frantz and Ms. Dawn Imel, as well as the staff in the Office of Academic Affairs for assisting in screening and interviewing candidates. I would also like to thank Dr. Harold Blackman, of the Idaho National Laboratory and Director of the Center for Advanced Energy Studies, for assisting in the search for an interim dean of the College of Science and Engineering. Thanks are due as well to the vice presidents for their assistance and input. Finally, I would like to thank the many faculty and staff who took the time to provide thoughtful input and advice on the candidates. Your input was greatly appreciated.

As usual, I will continue to give you periodic updates on Academic Affairs issues as news becomes available.

Cordially,



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