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**TO:** Boston University Faculty and Staff

**FROM:** Jean Morrison, University Provost and Chief Academic Officer 

**DATE:** November 29, 2016

**SUBJECT:** Announcement of the Search Advisory Committee for the Dean of the College of Fine Arts

Last month, I announced the formation of a Search Advisory Committee to identify a new permanent dean for the College of Fine Arts (CFA). The process for constituting a Dean Search Advisory Committee, outlined in the [BU Faculty Handbook](#), specifies that: *"the advisory committee shall consist of three faculty members elected by the faculty of the School for which a dean is to be selected, two faculty members elected by the Faculty Council from other Schools, and as many as three members designated by the provost."*

I am pleased to announce that we have completed this initial step, and the membership of the Search Advisory Committee for the Dean of the Boston University College of Fine Arts is listed below.

I would like to give thanks to the CFA Faculty and the University's Faculty Council for their swift efforts in electing members to serve on the committee. I also want to thank the members of the committee for their service, and give special acknowledgement to Professor Victor Coelho who has agreed to serve as Chair.

As outlined in my [memo of October 11](#), the selection of a new dean is among the most important decisions we make. The CFA Dean Search Advisory Committee will immediately begin its work of identifying potential candidates and evaluating the qualifications and assessing the strengths of nominees and applicants. We look forward to receiving the Committee's recommendations of 2-3 qualified candidates by the end of April, for final selection by President Brown and approval by the Board of Trustees.

**Cc:** Robert A. Brown, President  
J. Robb Dixon, Chair, Faculty Council  
Provost's Cabinet

## **Search Advisory Committee for the Dean of the Boston University College of Fine Arts**

### **Chair:**

**Victor Coelho**, Professor and Chair of Musicology & Ethnomusicology, School of Music,  
College of Fine Arts (elected by the College of Fine Arts)

### **Members:**

**Steve Brady**, Associate Professor, Department of Psychiatry, School of Medicine (elected by the  
Faculty Council)

**John Bernstein**, Associate Professor, Department of Film & Television, College of  
Communication (elected by the Faculty Council)

**Kristen Coogan**, Associate Professor of Graphic Design, School of Visual Arts, College of Fine  
Arts (elected by the College of Fine Arts)

**Michael Kaye**, Assistant Professor of Acting, School of Performing Arts, College of Fine Arts  
(elected by the College of Fine Arts)

**Natalie McKnight**, Dean, College of General Studies (selected by the University Provost)

**Susan Mizruchi**, Professor, Department of English; and Director, Center for the Humanities,  
College of Arts & Sciences (selected by the University Provost)

**Rafael Ortega**, Associate Dean of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs; and Professor,  
Department of Anesthesiology, School of Medicine (selected by the University Provost)