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**TO:** Boston University Faculty

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

**DATE:** November 13, 2018

**SUBJECT:** Announcement of the Search Advisory Committee for the Dean of the BU  
College of Arts & Sciences

As I described in my [memo](#) of September 10, the process of selecting the next Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences begins with constitution of the Search Advisory Committee. 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."* In addition, the provost appoints the Chair of the committee.

I am pleased to announce that we have completed this step, and the membership of the Search Advisory Committee for the Dean of the Boston University College of Arts & Sciences (CAS) is listed at the end of this memo. I thank the CAS faculty and the University's Faculty Council for their efforts to elect members to serve on this critical committee. I would also like to thank, in advance, the members of the Search Advisory Committee for their service, and give special acknowledgement to Professor Helen Tager-Flusberg, who has agreed to serve as Chair.

In the coming days I will charge the Committee and they will begin the work of consulting with constituencies throughout the College to learn more about the aspirations of the community for the next dean. At the same time, the committee will be actively engaged in building a deep and diverse pool of applicants with the demonstrated strengths and capacities to lead what is by far the largest academic unit on the Charles River campus. In the meantime, nominations of potential candidates are welcome at any time and may be submitted in confidence to [casdeansearch@bu.edu](mailto:casdeansearch@bu.edu). We will consider both internal and external candidates as we seek to identify the best person to lead the college that is, in many ways, at the heart of our academic mission.

The selection of a new dean is among the most important decisions we make. I look forward to working with the Search Advisory Committee to identify and recruit an outstanding faculty leader to serve as the next Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences.

**Cc:** Robert A. Brown  
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Provost's Cabinet

## **Search Advisory Committee for the Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences**

### **Chair:**

**Helen Tager-Flusberg**, Professor of Psychological & Brain Sciences; Director, Center for Autism Research Excellence, College of Arts & Sciences (elected by the College of Arts & Sciences)

### **Members:**

**David Carballo**, Associate Professor of Archaeology, Anthropology, and Latin American Studies; Director, Archaeology Program, College of Arts & Sciences (elected by the College of Arts & Sciences)

**Louis Chude-Sokei**, Professor of English; George and Joyce Wein Chair in African American Studies; Director, African American Studies Program, College of Arts & Sciences (selected by the University Provost)

**Swathi Kiran**, Associate Dean for Research; Professor of Speech, Language & Hearing Sciences, College of Health & Rehabilitation Sciences: Sargent College (elected by the Faculty Council)

**Susan Mizruchi**, William Arrowsmith Professor in the Humanities; Director, Boston University Center for the Humanities, College of Arts & Sciences (elected by the College of Arts & Sciences)

**Catherine O'Connor**, Associate Dean for Doctoral Studies; Professor of Education & Linguistics, Wheelock College of Education & Human Development (selected by the University Provost)

**Angela Onwuachi-Willig**, Dean, School of Law (selected by the University Provost)

**Matthew Parfitt**, Associate Professor of Rhetoric, College of General Studies (elected by the Faculty Council)