



Professor Jean Morrison, University Provost and Chief Academic Officer

One Silber Way  
Boston, Massachusetts 02215  
T 617-353-2230 F 617-353-6580  
www.bu.edu/provost

**TO:** Boston University Faculty

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

**DATE:** October 18, 2022

**SUBJECT:** Announcement of the Search Advisory Committee for the Dean of the College of Health & Rehabilitation Sciences: Sargent College

As we begin the process of selecting the next dean of the College of Health & Rehabilitation Sciences: Sargent College, the first step is to constitute 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 initial step, and the membership of the Search Advisory Committee for the Dean of the College of Health & Rehabilitation Sciences: Sargent College (Sargent) is listed at the end of this memo. I thank the Sargent 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 John White, professor and chair of biomedical engineering in the College of Engineering, who will serve as chair.

The charge to the search advisory committee and the process by which it should conduct its work is outlined in my [memo of September 7](#). I will soon convene the committee to provide them with further specifics of their charge, with the expectation that they will immediately begin the work of consulting with faculty and relevant stakeholders, soliciting nominations, recruiting outstanding candidates, and evaluating the qualifications and strengths of nominees and applicants. I will ask the search advisory committee to forward the names of 3-5 qualified candidates to me by **March 1, 2023**, for final selection of the dean by President Brown and approval by the Board of Trustees.

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 Sargent College.

cc: Robert A. Brown  
Kimberly Howard  
Provost’s Cabinet

**Search Advisory Committee for the Dean of the College of Health & Rehabilitation  
Sciences: Sargent College**

**Chair:**

**John White**, Professor and Chair of Biomedical Engineering, College of Engineering (selected by the University Provost)

**Members:**

**David Chard**, Dean, Wheelock College of Education & Human Development (selected by the University Provost)

**Terry Ellis**, Associate Professor and Chair of Physical Therapy, College of Health & Rehabilitation Sciences: Sargent College (elected by Sargent College)

**Jana Iverson**, Associate Dean for Research; Professor of Physical Therapy, College of Health & Rehabilitation Sciences: Sargent College (elected by Sargent College)

**Christopher Robertson**, Associate Dean for Strategic Initiatives; N. Neal Pike Scholar in Health & Disability Law; Professor of Law, School of Law; Professor of Health Law, Policy & Management, School of Public Health (elected by the Faculty Council)

**Emily Rothman**, Professor and Chair of Occupational Therapy, College of Health & Rehabilitation Sciences: Sargent College (elected by Sargent College)

**Leslie Will**, Anthony A. Gianelly Professor and Chair of Orthodontics & Dentofacial Orthopedics, Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine (elected by the Faculty Council)

**Ziming Xuan**, Professor of Community Health Sciences, School of Public Health (selected by the University Provost)