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**TO:** Boston University Faculty

**FROM:** Gloria Waters, University Provost and Chief Academic Officer *G.W.*

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

As we begin the process of selecting the next dean of the College of Engineering, 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 Engineering (ENG) is listed at the end of this memo. I thank the ENG faculty and the University’s Faculty Council for their efforts to elect members to serve on this important committee. I would also like to thank, in advance, the members of the search advisory committee for their service and give special acknowledgement to Azer Bestavros, associate provost for computing and data sciences, 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 5](#). 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 7, 2025**, for final selection of the dean by President Gilliam 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 the College of Engineering.

**Cc:** Melissa Gilliam, President  
Kevin Smith, Chair, Faculty Council  
Provost’s Cabinet

## **Search Advisory Committee for the Dean of the College of Engineering**

### **Chair:**

**Azer Bestavros**, Associate Provost for Computing & Data Sciences (selected by the University provost)

### **Members:**

**Sean Andersson**, Professor and Chair of Mechanical Engineering, College of Engineering (elected by the College of Engineering)

**Ji-Xin Cheng**, Professor of Biomedical Engineering and Electrical & Computer Engineering, College of Engineering (selected by the University provost)

**Catherine Klapperich**, Professor of Biomedical Engineering, College of Engineering (elected by the College of Engineering)

**Elaine Lee**, Assistant Professor of Medical Sciences & Education, Chobanian & Avedisian School of Medicine (elected by the Faculty Council)

**Kim McCall**, Professor of Biology, College of Arts & Sciences (selected by the University provost)

**Harold Park**, Professor of Mechanical Engineering, College of Engineering (elected by the College of Engineering)

**Andrei Ruckenstein**, Professor of Physics, College of Arts & Sciences (elected by the Faculty Council)

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