

2007-08 College of Human Ecology Dean Search – Update #3

To: Human Ecology Faculty, Staff, Students, & Alumni

From: John Siliciano

Subject: Search for a new Dean of the College – THIRD UPDATE

Date: December 13, 2007

The current membership of the College of Human Ecology Dean Search Committee has been meeting since the end of November. In the next month, the Provost will also name a staff and a student member to the Search Committee.

We appreciate the messages that have been sent to express views on the current state of the College, its future possibilities, and the characteristics we should seek in a new Dean. This input was invaluable for a number of reasons, not the least of which was helping the Search Committee produce a position announcement to initiate the process of soliciting applications and nominations. Over the course of the next several weeks, this position announcement will be published in a variety of outlets, but you can gain access to it now, as a “pdf” document, at the following URL:

<http://www.cornell.edu/provost/searches/che/docs/che-position.pdf>

The Search Committee has begun to identify individuals who can serve as sources of nominations. **In order to develop a robust pool of candidates, we very much need your help. Therefore, we would like to ask at this point for your suggestions of both potential sources for nominations and for your own nominations of possible candidates for the deanship.** In forwarding such nominations, it would be very helpful if you can briefly note why you think the person would make a good potential candidate. However, in order to minimize the possibility that individuals could be contacted multiple times, we ask that you allow the Search Committee to be the point of sole contact with potential sources and nominees.

Your nominations, and suggestions of sources of additional nominations, should be sent to the special mailbox we have established for the search:

CHEdeansearch@cornell.edu

The Search Committee will now begin the process of qualifying applicants and assessing the credentials of nominees. This next phase of our work will be strictly confidential. A document outlining the provisions of the confidentiality agreement within which the Search Committee is conducting its work can be found at the following URL:

<http://www.cornell.edu/provost/searches/che/confidentiality.cfm>

We anticipate this process of winnowing down the pool of potential prospects will occupy the Search Committee for a month or more during the early part of the next calendar year.

We remain committed to identifying a group of finalists to bring to campus during the spring semester. When we approach that stage we will provide you with specific information about the process for these on campus visits.

In addition to your nominations, if you have comments or questions for the committee, please send them directly to the special mailbox we have established for the search:

CHEdeansearch@cornell.edu

Warm regards,

John

John Siliciano
Vice Provost
Chair, College of Human Ecology Dean Search Committee
Cornell University
<http://www.cornell.edu/provost/searches/che/>