



Provost Perspectives

A newsletter from the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

With spring break behind us, we have quickly found ourselves halfway through the semester, and commencement will be here before you know it. This is an exciting time of year, as we celebrate the accomplishments of our students and faculty and soak in the busy days of learning and research before summer begins. I am looking forward to all that is to come. As February ended, so too did the 2024 legislative session. If you are interested in hearing a recap of the session, join the [Hinckley Institute](#) on March 15 from 12 – 1 p.m. for a discussion about some of the successes and challenges our legislative leadership experienced this year. A question you might consider in discussions like these is, “how do we rebuild trust in higher education?” I believe we each have a role to play in our respective spheres of influence.

- Mitzi M. Montoya



New round of 1U4U grant proposals due in May

The 1U4U seed grant program is continuing with a new launch of cross-campus and cross-disciplinary proposals starting in May. With the theme of “The Future of Sustainability,” the Office of the Vice President for Research will extend grants of up to \$50,000 to groups that include at least two separate units. Applications must be submitted to the link below by Wed. May 22.

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Price College of Engineering dean is named

Charles Bruce Musgrave has accepted an offer to serve as dean of the John and Marcia Price College of Engineering. Musgrave is a professor of chemical and biochemical engineering and associate dean for graduate education over the College of Engineering and Applied Science at the University of Colorado at Boulder. He will begin his new role on July 1, 2024.

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University Teaching Grant deadline is March 13

The University Teaching Committee is accepting applications for University Teaching Grant awards, which are distributed to faculty to undertake projects that will enhance their teaching or abet curricular innovation. Tenure-line and career-line faculty are eligible to propose individual and group grants. Preference will be given to applicants whose primary professional affiliation is as faculty at the University of Utah.

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In-person feedback on campus future is needed

For the first time in more than a decade, the university is embarking on a new [Physical Development Plan \(UPDP\)](#) to guide the infrastructure, preservation, innovation and sustainability of campus for the next 10 years. This new physical plan is happening in alignment with the university’s broader strategic planning process, [Impact 2030](#). As we set bold new strategic goals as a university, we’ll also need to ensure that our physical campus is ready for changes such as more students, housing, research facilities, open spaces, health care services, athletics improvements and more. The campus planning team is inviting faculty, staff and students to share ideas and aspirations for the future of our campus at the following in-person feedback sessions:

Tuesday, March 12, 12-3 p.m. at Kahlert Village and the Library Plaza

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Deans reappointed; Honors College dean announced

After completing a regular five-year formal review that includes a self-assessment; community feedback; and surveys of faculty, staff, students and the Council of Academic Deans, the following deans have been reappointed for an additional five-year term: Peter Trapa, dean of the College of Science and College of Mines and Earth Sciences; Elizabeth Kronk Warner, dean of the S.J. Quinney College of Law; and Philip Osteen, dean of the College of Social Work. Monisha Pasupathi, who has served as interim dean of the Honors College since June, 2023, has been appointed as dean of the Honors College.

U registrar receives Thomas A. Bilger award

University of Utah Registrar Erin Mason has received a 2024 Thomas A. Bilger Award from the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers, AACRAO. The Thomas A. Bilger Award is given in recognition of consistent vision, service and/or leadership in AACRAO and with seven or more years of volunteer service. Erin joined the U in July, 2023, after a national search. She previously served as registrar at Ball State University in Indiana and in the registrar's office at the University of Connecticut. We are so honored, lucky and proud to have Erin at the University of Utah.

NWCCU awards fellowship to U administrators

Mark St. Andre, associate dean of Undergraduate Studies, and Paula Spencer, program review administrator in the Graduate School, have received the Fulfillment and Sustainability Fellowship from the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU). The NWCCU is the accrediting body for the University of Utah.

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Coffee, Cocoa and Tea with the Provost

In response to current questions on campus, I am hosting a series of visits to connect with faculty. These sessions are small-group meetings intended to create an opportunity for open discussion and listening. Upcoming dates are listed on the Academic Affairs website.

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