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## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** October 3, 2014

**TO:** Faculty, Staff, Students, and Friends  
College of Agriculture and Natural Resources

**FROM:** Mary Ann Rankin   
Senior Vice President and Provost

**SUBJECT:** Search for a New Dean of the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources

As Dr. Cheng-i Wei is completing his second term as Dean of the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, it is time to begin the search for his successor. As we do, I know that you all join me in thanking Dean Wei for nearly a decade of outstanding service to the College, University, and State. During his tenure as Dean, great progress has been made in University Extension programs, understanding and addressing the causes of pollution in the Chesapeake Bay, and the development of world-class research programs in nutrition, human health, animal diseases, biotechnology, and agricultural economics. Dr. Wei has become well known for his tireless attention to the many varied duties that form a part of this challenging deanship.

A search committee has been appointed, and an aggressive national search is beginning to find an outstanding individual to fill the position. Dr. Jayanth Banavar, Dean of the College of Computer, Mathematical, and Natural Sciences, will chair the committee. The complete list of committee members is given below. International executive search firm Korn Ferry will assist in the search process.

We need a concerted effort by the entire AGNR community, working with members of the search committee, to identify a dean who can build on the strengths of the College and lead it to even greater prominence. The dean will provide leadership and vision for the College; continue to encourage effective collaborative relationships; articulate with enthusiasm the College's mission to students, faculty, staff, alumni, public agencies, and potential funders; and foster an environment of excellence in teaching and learning.

You can assist in the search process by using your personal contacts and networks to identify outstanding candidates for this position and to make the opportunity widely known. Please forward to any committee member the names of individuals you believe would be excellent candidates. We appreciate your assistance and support in this important effort.

Search Committee for the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources

Dr. Jayanth Banavar, Committee Chair; Dean, College of Computer, Mathematical, and Natural Sciences  
Dr. Anna Alberini, Professor, Agricultural and Resource Economics  
Ms. Barbara Duncan, Director of Human Resources Management, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources  
Dr. Enrique Nelson Escobar, Assistant Professor and Interim Associate Extension Administrator for 1890 Programs, UME-UMES  
Mr. Tyler Frankel, Graduate Student, Animal and Avian Sciences  
Mr. J. Robert Frazee, CEO, Mid-Atlantic Farm Credit  
Dr. Reginal Harrell, Professor and Regional Extension Director, Northeastern Regional Aquaculture Center  
Dr. Robert Jackson, Professor and Acting Chair, Nutrition and Food Science  
Dr. Andrew Lazur, Principal Agent and Acting Assistant Director, Natural Resources and Sea Grant Extension Programs  
Dr. Angus Murphy, Professor and Chair, Plant Science and Landscape Architecture  
Ms. Sandra Nola, Director of Administrative Services, Animal and Avian Sciences  
Dr. Sandra Crouse Quinn, Professor, Family Science; Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, School of Public Health; Senior Associate Director, Maryland Center for Health Equity  
Dr. Juan Uriagereka, Professor and Associate Provost for Faculty Affairs  
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Ms. Emily Wilson, Director, Land Acquisition and Planning, MD Department of Natural Resources  
Dr. Xiaoping Zhu, Professor, Veterinary Medicine

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cc: Members of the Search Committee