Dear Faculty, Staff and Students,

In the midst of the traditionally busy October academic calendar and special events like Homecoming and President Olens' investiture, Kennesaw State's Office of Academic Affairs has focused a great deal of attention on filling leadership vacancies for two of our academic colleges.

Bagwell College of Education's Dean Arlinda Eaton to retire

At the end of the current academic year, Kennesaw State and the Bagwell College of Education will be saying farewell to Arlinda Eaton, who has served as dean of the college since 2008. Dean Eaton has enjoyed a long and distinguished career in elementary education and academic administration. Prior to joining KSU, she served nearly 30 years as a member of the faculty, department chair and associate dean at California State University, Northridge.

Throughout her tenure here, Dean Eaton has presided over the implementation of one of the largest grants ever awarded the University – $8.9 million from the U.S. Department of Education to enhance K-12 teacher quality in urban schools – and the opening of a $20 million expansion of the BCOE. She has earned distinction in the field of education, including a Bridge Impact Award from the Georgia Charter School Association, and is credited with establishing a partnership with the Marietta Center for Advanced Academics to train future STEM teachers. Her numerous contributions to Kennesaw State and its students, and to education in Georgia are deeply appreciated.

Search Committees Established

I am pleased to report that with help of the Myers McRae Executive Search and Consulting firm, the search process is moving forward for the dean of the College of Computing and Software Engineering, which is currently led by Interim Dean John Preston. We also are launching a search for dean of the Bagwell College of Education as Dean Eaton retires.

Assisting in these critical searches will be search committees comprised of the following members:

· **College of Computing and Software Engineering**

- Mike Dishman, dean of The Graduate College and associate vice president for research policy and compliance and professor of education policy and governance (**search committee chair**)
- Edward Jung, associate professor of computer science
- Chi Zhang, interim chair of the Department of Software Engineering and Game Design and associate professor of the information technology
- Jose Garrido, professor of computer science and information systems
- Selena He, assistant professor of computer science
- Dawn Tatum, lecturer of information technology
- Paola Spoletini, assistant chair of the Department of Software Engineering and Game Development and associate professor of software engineering
- Hassan Pournaghshband, professor of software engineering
- Kirk Inman, CCSE IT lab manager and part-time instructor of computer science
- Frank Ziller, chief information officer, Intelliteach, and KSU Southern Polytechnic College of Computing and Software Engineering alum, '07

· **Bagwell College of Education Search Committee Members**

- Kathy Schwaig, dean of the Coles College of Business, Tony and Jack Dinos Eminent Scholar Chair of Entrepreneurial Management and professor of management information systems **(search committee chair)**
- Traci Redish, chair of the Department of Instructional Technology and professor of instructional technology
- Joya Hicks, associate professor of special education
- Lee Langub, associate professor of elementary curriculum and assessment
- Guichun Zong, professor of curriculum and instruction
- Arvin Johnson, assistant professor of educational leadership
- James Wright, associate professor of instructional technology
- Jennifer Costen, administrative associate III, Office of the Dean

- Emily Lembeck, former superintendent, Marietta City Schools
- Chris Ragsdale, superintendent, Cobb County School District, and KSU alum, '92 and '15

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