

AETM update #6

November 27th, 2024

Colleagues,

On November 7th, 2024 the Iowa Board of Regents approved our request to decouple Construction Management and Applied Engineering to create two free-standing programs. This is an exciting opportunity and opens the door to the implementation phase. Together we will build a strong foundation upon which both programs can grow. I'm grateful to Dr. Lisa Riedle who will continue to provide leadership to the Department of Construction Management.

It is also my pleasure to announce that Mr. Stewart Carter has accepted UNI's offer to serve as the Chief Applied Engineering Administrator. Stewart attended Iowa State University before receiving his BS in Mechanical Engineering from Southern University A&M and MBA from the University of Northern Iowa. He worked at John Deere for 34 years in various leadership positions, in Engineering, Manufacturing, Operations, Supply Chain, and Logistics. Mr. Carter served or is currently serving on several advisory boards including UNI's Wilson College of Business, Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Mississippi Valley, and the National Society of Black Engineers. Stewart will bring a wealth of technical knowledge and extensive leadership experience to UNI. When he joins UNI in January, his primary responsibility will be to assist in standing up the new Department of Applied Engineering, partnering with workforce partners to develop career pathways for our students, and increasing enrollment in our various engineering and technical programs. Please join me in welcoming Stewart!

I'd also like to sincerely thank the Chief Applied Engineering Search committee, including Deedee Heistad, Steph Huffman, Randy Pilkington, Srikant Revuru, Marcy Seavey, and Julie Zhe Zhang for a job well done.

As was the case when standing up the School of Health and Human Sciences, we will again use the Academic Positioning framework to reorganize governance structures, department descriptions, marketing plans, and recruitment strategies. Both strategic plans will be ready for implementation beginning in July 2025.

This work is only possible with the strong support of faculty, staff, and industry partners. Thank you all for your efforts and we look forward to your continued input, partnership, and guidance.

Sincerely,

Jose Herrera