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Colleagues,

As the AETM reorganization project moves forward, I wanted to keep you updated on current happenings.

First, I'm pleased to share that the search committee for the Chief Applied Engineering Administrator has been finalized. I have agreed to chair the search committee that includes the following members: Dr. Stephanie Huffman, Associate Vice President for Strategic Initiatives and Dean of Graduate, Research and On-line Education and Professor; Mr. Randy Pilkington, Executive Director, WLSN; Dr. Julie Zhang, Professor; Ms. Marcene Seavey, UNI STEM Coordinator; and Mr. Nick Bruns, Assistant Adjunct Professor and AETM advisory board member. As a reminder, the first consideration date for the [Chief AEA](#) is October 1st, 2024. I will continue to share information with you as it becomes available.

I also wanted to take this opportunity to thank the Construction Management (CM) Focused Working Group (FWG) for submitting their first report. As you may recall, the Phase 1 CM-FWG was asked to review the Executive Advisory Committee's (EAC) recommendation that the administrative home for Construction Management be moved from the CHAS to Wilson College of Business. The CM-FWG, composed of Dr. Joseph Ugrin, Department of Accounting (Co-Chair); Dr. Lisa A. Riedle, Department of Applied Engineering & Technical Management (Co-Chair); Dr. Andy Anderson, Department of Management; and Mr. Randy Sharp, Department of Applied Engineering & Technical Management, did an excellent job identifying important considerations to assist with the proposed structural changes, and facilitate a smooth transition. I've attached a copy of the first CM-FWG report to this email. You may also access all of the AP documents related to Applied Engineering under [Academic Positioning](#) on the Provost's website. I've submitted a copy of this initial report to Provost Herrera for his consideration.

Finally, it is with much appreciation that I am able to announce that the following colleagues have agreed to serve on the Applied Engineering (AE) FWG: Dr. Lee Geisinger; Dr. Scott Giese; Dr. R. Srikant Reveru; Dr. Julie Zhang; and Dr. Jin Zhu. The AE-FWG will have its kick-off meeting in the very near future.

Thanks,  
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