

Search for Vice President for Research

May 28, 2015

Colleagues and Students:

On June 2, 2014, Dr. Lisa Cassis agreed to serve as Interim Vice President for Research until June 30, 2015.

Dr. Cassis has spent the last year providing outstanding leadership to the University of Kentucky's research enterprise; was co-lead (along with Dr. Rodney Andrews) of the workgroup developing the "Research and Scholarly Work" portion of the University's next Strategic Plan; worked closely with me and our Government Relations team to successfully secure \$132.5 million in state support for our new research building; facilitated campus-wide conversations with deans, researchers, and other constituencies on how best to grow — in a strategic, efficient, and effective way — our research portfolio; and overseen the day-to-day operations of the Office of Research. I am very grateful for her service.

I have spent the last two months in conversation with over 50 people across our campus about the current condition and future direction of our research enterprise. The feedback has been valuable as I consider the next steps for the Office.

The University will soon be posting the advertisement for a Vice President for Research; and I have encouraged Dr. Cassis to apply. You can find the Job Description at:

http://www.uky.edu/PR/News/Vice_President_Research.pdf.

I have appointed the following individuals to a Search Committee to review applications, conduct interviews, and provide a recommendation to me.

- Provost Tim Tracy
- Dean Nancy Cox (College of Agriculture)
- Dr. Nancy Harrington (College of Communication and Information/College of Public Health)
- Dr. Lou Hersh (College of Medicine)
- Dr. Wayne Lewis (College of Education)
- Dr. Claire Renzetti (College of Arts and Sciences)
- Dean John Walz (College of Engineering)

We will keep you informed on our progress.

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