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Re: Search for the next Dean of the Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering

Cammy Abernathy has announced her last year serving as dean and, after a sabbatical, plans to return to her full-time faculty position as the William H. Wadsworth Director of the Engineering Leadership Institute. Therefore, we are commencing a national search for her successor.

Warrington College of Business Dean Saby Mitra has agreed to chair the search committee, and a list of search committee members may be found [here](#). Greg Esposito, a partner in the firm of Isaacson, Miller, will be assisting the university in conducting the search. Nominations and applications for the position may be directed to <https://www.imsearch.com/search-detail/S8-504>. A more detailed national announcement of the search will be forthcoming. The committee will begin reviewing applications on June 1, although applications and nominations will continue to be accepted until the position is filled.

The search committee's goal is to select a set of finalists by September 1 to meet with campus constituencies.

The next dean will be able to build on the substantial accomplishments of Dean Abernathy. During her tenure,

- Tenure-track faculty increased from 242 to 292
- The commitment to a culture of diversity and inclusion is reflected in the most diverse faculty of any college of engineering among the public AAU institutions
- The Engineering Leadership Institute and the Engineering Innovation Institute, both formed in 2010, today have over 2,500 combined annual course enrollments, and are providing signature programs which distinguish college graduates among the best in the nation.

- The establishment of the Department of Engineering Education in 2019 was a milestone for the college, with its focus on engineering education research and the delivery of the most effective instructional methods to produce the best learning outcomes.
- Research funding awards reached \$118M last year, a record high for the college. The college also won a record-breaking number of large awards during the past fiscal year, 27 in total. Citations per faculty and honorifics per faculty have also increased over this time, further evidence of the growing research excellence of the college.
- Philanthropic gifts, since 2009, have totaled over \$400M, including the \$50M catalyst gift from Dr. Herbert Wertheim and his family. The college added two major facilities with the completion of the College's flagship building, the Wertheim Laboratory for Engineering Excellence, and the launch of Malachowsky Hall for Data Science and Information Technology currently under construction. The college's equipment infrastructure has also been transformed by the recent donation to the university of HiPerGatorAI by Chris Malachowsky and NVIDIA.