


MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 21, 2022
TO: School of Plant Sciences personnel, students, and stakeholders
FROM: Shane C. Burgess 
SUBJECT: School of Plant Sciences Director

I have received provost approval for the search for the next School of Plant Sciences Director.

Effective immediately, Jeannie McLain, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Assistant Dean for Faculty Advancement (mclainj@arizona.edu), will accept nominations, including self-nominations, for faculty to serve on the search committee following the [Spring 2022 updates to the MOU on Shared Governance](#). She will also accept staff, undergraduate and graduate student, and external stakeholder nominations as these people will also be on the committee so that it represents the full breadth of the school.

Nominations will be accepted until Monday, December 5. I will charge the committee at the first meeting which will be held by Friday, December 16. I intend for the position description to be ready for HR review and posting before the end of January. I expect the search process to be completed by July 2023.

You do not need to wait for the search committee to be named, or the position description to be posted, to recruit people for this exciting opportunity. Please start doing so immediately; I am. Please do not limit your thinking to the United States. There are people you know worldwide who are qualified. Likewise, please do not limit your thinking to academia. I am available to discuss the position with anyone you are recruiting to apply. Please email me and Sylvia Ramirez to schedule a confidential phone call, Zoom meeting, or even in-person meeting if the person is on campus either as a current UA employee or visiting formally or informally.

cc: Jeannie McLain