


To: All Faculty and Staff
College of Pharmacy, Nursing, and Health Sciences

From: Sally Mason 
Provost

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Subject: Interim Dean

Holly L. Mason, associate dean for academic programs in Purdue University's College of Pharmacy, Nursing and Health Sciences, has been appointed interim dean for the college, effective March 1.

The appointment will deliberately overlap with Dean Pezzuto's continued service to allow for a smooth transition during the college's accreditation reviews this spring. I believe John and Holly will send a strong message that we are continuing to move ahead even as we plan for transition.

Holly Mason has proven himself as a strong leader and excellent educator in a variety of academic and administrative roles that have greatly enhanced the university's pharmacy program in his nearly 27 years at Purdue. I have full confidence in Dr. Mason's ability to set a positive course for the college during this time of transition.

As you know, I have appointed a committee to conduct an immediate national search for a new dean. The committee will be chaired by Dennis R. Depew, dean of the College of Technology. I ask all of you to help us in identifying strong candidates.

Thank you.