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Dear Colleagues:

As you are aware Dean Johnny Wynne, dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALs), has announced his retirement effective July 1, 2012. Also, Dean Robert Brown, dean of the College of Natural Resources (CNR), plans to retire Fall 2012. The Academic Science Program Task Force has produced an interim report, which can be accessed at the following website:

<http://www.provost.ncsu.edu/governance/task-forces/academic-science/2011/documents/as-task-force-interim-report-111411.pdf>. This report, together with discussions with task force Chair Margery Overton, make it clear that this task force will not be recommending major restructuring such as college consolidation. As such, following discussions with the Chancellor, we will be moving forward with dean searches for both these colleges. Both searches will be open national searches and will follow standard policies (<http://policies.ncsu.edu/policy/pol-05-55-01>) and SOPs (<http://www.provost.ncsu.edu/admin-resources/sops/admin-select-sop.php>).

Dean Louis Martin-Vega has agreed to chair the CALs dean search and Dean Blan Godfrey has agreed to chair the CNR dean search. Dr. Katie Perry will be my office liaison for both searches.

Both Deans Wynne and Brown have made extraordinary contributions to their colleges and this institution. We hope to attract the very best individuals as candidates for these important university leadership position.

Very best regards,



Warwick Arden

Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor