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*Mark A. Emmert, President*

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Deans, Chancellors, Directors, and Chairs

Dear Colleagues:

I am pleased to announce some important changes to the UW's central technology organizations. Effective immediately, UW Technology and the Office of Information Management will be reunited, forming one organization. This change comes after much thought and is a key recommendation of the Working Group for UW Technology, which was charged with restoring the organization to a sustainable, efficient state.

As you know, the two organizations have been functioning independently, yet collaboratively, for the past few years. While this was a successful strategy, allowing focus on administrative and information systems, it is time to look forward. To advance the UW's long-term strategic goals, it is critical that we achieve a tighter alignment of our central technology functions and effectively leverage central technology resources and strengths. Reuniting the two organizations will enable us to do so.

To provide leadership for the new organization, a search is being launched to fill the vacant Vice President/Vice Provost position, which will report jointly to Provost Wise and me. This position has been vacant for more than a year while we considered organizational efficiencies. The search committee will be co-chaired by Dean Matt O'Donnell and Senior Vice President V'ella Warren. Until the new leader is appointed, Kelli Trosvig will serve as interim Vice President and Vice Provost. Not a candidate herself for the permanent position, Kelli is charged with uniting the organization and advancing the UW's technology agenda. Sara Gomez, who will report to Kelli, will continue to provide leadership for UW information management and administrative systems.

To provide a new beginning for the reunited organization, I have asked the Working Group to recommend some options for a new name for this organization. Provost Wise and I expect to announce our decision on that name in the next month.

Many people from across the UW community have worked tirelessly over the last eighteen months to establish a solid fiscal foundation for UW Technology and to strengthen our central technology functions. While the work is not yet completely finished, the efforts thus far have been of the greatest quality and, quite frankly, have exceeded my expectations. This work is vitally important to the UW's future, and all of you have my sincerest thanks.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark A. Emmert".

Mark A. Emmert  
President