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Inside Updates: Interim business college dean named, enrollment management candidates visit campus in May, academic affairs non-bargaining staff invited to special meeting, new WMU Signature program to debut this fall.

Veteran professor and administrator to serve as interim business college dean

Dr. Satish Deshpande, a longtime professor and an associate dean, has been named interim dean of the Haworth College of Business, effective July 1.

The college's current dean, Dr. Kay Palan, will be departing WMU to lead the University of Alabama's Culverhouse College of Commerce. Dr. Ming Li, dean of the College of Education and Human Development, will chair the search committee for a new dean. The committee is being formed and will begin meeting within the next several weeks.

Deshpande has served as the business college's associate dean for operations and graduate programs since 2011. A professor of management and the G.W. Haworth Professor of Business Administration, he began his career at WMU in 1990 after earning his doctorate from the University of Iowa.

Lauded for his work, Deshpande has earned both the Haworth College of Business Teaching Award and the Haworth College of Business Research Award.



Remaining enrollment management candidates on campus in May

Two of the three candidates for associate provost for enrollment management are set to visit WMU's main campus for interviews and public presentations.

Dr. Luke Schultheis, vice provost for strategic enrollment management at Virginia Commonwealth University, will deliver a public presentation at 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 3, in the Fetzer Center's Putney Auditorium.

Dr. Terrence Curran, associate provost for enrollment management at the University of North Carolina, Wilmington, will deliver a public presentation at 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 10, also in Putney Auditorium.

Dr. Lee Young, associate vice president for enrollment management and student success at Pittsburg (Kansas) State University, completed his campus visit during the week of April 25.

Find feedback forms and the candidates' curricula vitae on the provost's website at wmich.edu/provost/administrative-searches.

Dr. Jim Gilchrist, vice provost for budget and personnel and chief information officer, and Dr. Carla Koretsky, dean of the Lee Honors College co-chair the search committee. Cathy Smith, business manager senior in the Office of the Provost, is providing administrative support. The committee has been working since January with search consultants from Greenwood/Asher and Associates Inc.

The campus community is urged to attend and to encourage attendance at candidate presentations and forums as schedules allow. The search committee supplies feedback forms at each candidate presentation and looks forward to input.

Non-bargaining unit staff invited to meeting on Academic Affairs Strategic Plan

The Office of the Provost will host a meeting for all non-bargaining unit staff members in academic affairs on Thursday, May 26, in rooms 1035-1055 of the Fetzer Center. A continental breakfast will be provided.

To accommodate normal business hours and operations, two meeting times are being offered: 8:15 to 9:15 a.m. and 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. The purpose of the meetings is to gather staff input for the revisions to the Academic Affairs Strategic Plan. Supervisors are encouraged to accommodate staff participation in these meetings.

For additional information, contact the Office of the Provost at (269) 387-2380 or office-of-the-provost@wmich.edu.

'Signature' program to debut in fall



WMU Signature, a program designed to provide students with a personalized pathway to achievement, launches in pilot form this fall following a year of development.

The full program is slated to launch fall 2017. Learn more about this initiative at wmich.edu/effectiveness/signature. For questions, contact Kelly Reed at (269) 387-2380 or kelly.reed@wmich.edu.