

- **Coordinator of Interdisciplinary Studies Program named** – The IDS faculty advisory board has unanimously nominated Sriram Khe to serve as coordinator of the IDS program. I happily accepted this nomination and have appointed Sriram to serve in this position.
- **Announcement calling for applications for the new Director of General Education position** – to be released very soon; in final discussions with FS Executive Committee.
- **Requests for new or replacement tenure-track lines** – Please provide requests for positions to your deans with the request form completed. The deans and I will review these requests and subsequently, I'll review with the President. We wish to have confirmation of final approvals for going forward with a search completed before end of the current academic year. This previously had not been completed until mid summer.
- **Closing Comment – The PRC process has come to a successful conclusion.**
Congratulations to our new tenured associate professors (effective Fall 2018): Stewart Baker, Elizabeth Brookbank, Kathleen Connolly, Xiaopeng Gong, Denise Thew Hackett, Lars Southerlund, Elizabeth Swedo, and Jennifer Taylor-Winney.

Congratulations to our new full professors (effective Fall 2018): Patricia Flatt, Ryan Hickerson, Margaret Manoogian and Amanda Smith.

In addition, all remaining current assistant professors received positive continuation review.

I wish to give a collective thanks to all who help mentor our faculty in their professional development.