

## Chancellor's message: Suspension of vice chancellor search

The following e-mail message was sent Dec. 30, 2008, to all UW-Eau Claire employees.

Colleagues,

After careful consideration, I have decided to indefinitely suspend the search for a Vice Chancellor for Administration, Finance and Facilities (VCAFF). I reached this decision for several reasons. First and foremost, budget uncertainties require us to analyze each and every hiring decision we make. Second, over the course of the past few months, I have become increasingly convinced that the current administrative structure for this vice chancellor position may not provide the best way forward for the university, and that a review of the responsibilities is in order.

I wish to thank the committee and chair Don Christian for conducting a thorough and professional search and screen process, as well as for the considerable time they devoted to their duties.

For the immediate future, the temporary reporting structure that has been in place for the past several months will remain in effect. I appreciate the additional work and cooperation required during this interim period. The university is fortunate to have so many dedicated and capable individuals who enable us to effectively manage this transition. Going forward, I will continue to consult with directors of units and offices within the existing VCAFF division and others to determine how best to proceed on a permanent basis.

With the PEEQ process under way, now is an opportune time to examine our administrative structure to ensure it is efficient, effective, and aligned with our strategic goals.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your dedication and many contributions to UW-Eau Claire during the course of this past year, as well as to wish you, your family, and loved ones a healthy and happy 2009.

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Chancellor