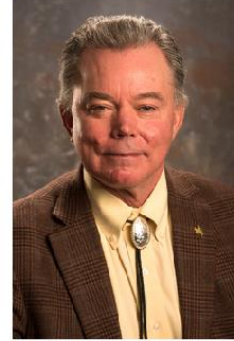




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Dear Colleagues,

This is an exciting week, as I have a special announcement, and some good things are currently happening on campus and during our Board of Trustees meeting.

Late last week, I had the incredible honor of notifying awardees of the first cohort of our Provost's Term Professorships. I was so impressed by the quality of the 14 nominations we received, and it was extremely difficult to select just a few recipients. I'd like to congratulate our four 2023 Provost Term Professors, and two selected to start their term in 2024:

2023 Provost's Term Professorships

- Amanda DeDiego (Associate Professor, Counseling)
- Jill Keith (Associate Professor, Family & Consumer Sciences)
- Clair White (Assistant Professor, Criminal Justice and Sociology)
- Kam Ng (Associate Professor, Civil and Architectural Engineering)

2024 Provost's Term Professorships

- Linda Thunstrom (Associate Professor, Economics)
- Riley Bernard (Assistant Professor, Zoology & Physiology)

I would like to recognize all our nominees for the Provost Term Professorship, as these faculty represent some of the best at UW. Being selected as representatives for this award is a high honor. Continue to watch for more great things from these colleagues:

- Nevin Aiken (Associate Professor, School of Politics, Public Affairs & International Studies)
- Michelle Blakely (Assistant Professor, School of Pharmacy)
- Stefan Heinz (Professor, Mathematics & Statistics)
- Katelyn Kotlarek (Assistant Professor, Communication Disorders)
- Kevin Monteith (Professor, Haub School)
- Stephen Newbold (Associate Professor, Economics)
- Shelby Shadwell (Associate Professor, Visual & Literary Arts)
- Dan Wall (Professor, Molecular Biology)

As mentioned last week, we have been monitoring things around AI and specifically ChatGPT. The working group formed this week will have their first meeting on Friday and will be working swiftly to provide recommendations on policy, communication, and support. In addition to the working group, President Seidel and I are hosting a ChatGPT Roundtable next Tuesday, January 31st, from 3-4:00 pm in the Union Family Room. We will have some excellent panelists who will lead a discussion on the AI tool. I hope to see you there.

This spring the ECTL is offering a series of book club sessions using Peter Felten's and Leo Lambert's, *Relationship-Rich Education: How Human Connections Drive Success in College (2020)*. This book is referenced in UW's strategic implementation plan. Participants will engage in discussions on how to move student, faculty, and administrative relationships from the periphery to the center of higher education. Each participant who registers will receive a complimentary copy of the book. Each group will meet for three sessions throughout the semester. Those who attend all three sessions will be invited to a special presentation with the authors in the fall of 2023. Each group will be capped at 10 participants to provide an environment where conversation and communication can be most effective. Please go [here](#) for more information and to sign up for a book group.

Just a reminder about nominations for our Tobin Memorial and Rosemarie Martha Spitaleri Outstanding Undergraduate Awards. UW faculty, staff, and student organizations are invited to nominate graduating or recently graduated students for recognition as UW's most outstanding graduating seniors. These are the highest awards UW confers on undergraduates. Awards criteria include academic excellence and achievement, contributions and service to the University of Wyoming, active participation and leadership in co-curricular activities, and demonstrated good character and citizenship. Nomination letters are due by Friday, February 10,

2023. Please direct questions to studentaffairs@uwyo.edu or call (307) 766-5123 for further assistance.

Dean Klint Alexander announced to the Board of Trustees today that he plans to step down as dean and return to the College of Law faculty at the end of next academic year, at which time he will have completed 10 years leading the college. Klint is “dean of deans” at UW and his leadership and wisdom will be missed. This spring I will be working with the College of Law faculty and advisory board to initiate a process to search for Klint’s successor.

Finally, after discussions with hundreds of our colleagues across campus and around the state, multiple revisions, and some final finessing, the UW Board of Trustees approved our new UW Strategic Plan. I'm indebted to the Strategic Planning Team for their hard work and dedication to this immense and crucial effort. The next step is to start working through the associated strategic implementation plan - stay tuned on what's to come here.

Take care,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Kevin C. Provost', written in a cursive style.

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