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Organizational/Leadership Updates

- Effective immediately, Dr. Jennifer Barton has agreed to serve as the Interim Vice Provost for Health Programs, reporting to the Provost. She will oversee the research and administrative functions currently within the Health Sciences.
- The Health Science Colleges will now report to the Provost. All current academic programs, course offerings, faculty shared governance, and promotion and tenure criteria will remain unchanged in these colleges.
- Academic Unit Integrations [announced](#) on April 16th:
 - Integration of the College of Health Sciences with the Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health, effective July 1.
 - Integration of the College of Applied Science and Technology into the College of Information Science, effective July 1.
- School of Mining Engineering and Mineral Resources:
 - The School of Mining and Mineral Resources (SMMR) will formally merge with Mining and Geological Engineering (MGE) to form the School of Mining Engineering and Mineral Resources, effective July 1, 2025.

Search Updates

- Campus Visits begin May 7th for the **Dean of Arizona Arts**. Information on the search and the open forum schedule can be found on the [dean search page](#) on the Office of the Provost website.

Candidate A: May 7-8
Candidate B: May 12-13
Candidate C: May 14-15

- The search committee for the dean of the **Wyant College of Optical Sciences** will be securing a search firm to assist their process. The search timeline has been extended to the end of Fall 2025. An interim dean will be appointed.

Updates

- Promotion & Tenure decisions distributed on April 25th
In total, 215 dossiers were reviewed this year:
121 candidates on the Tenure-track
18 candidates on the Continuing Status track
63 candidates on the Career-track
13 candidates for track transfers
- Faculty Award sent out on April 28th
 - 27 awards
 - University Distinguished Awards
 - Midcareer and Early Career Distinguished Faculty Awards
 - Teaching Awards
 - Mentoring Awards

Learn more about the distinguished awardees [here](#).
- The [Black Faculty Speaker Series](#) Fireside Chat and Public Talk with Henry L. Gates, Jr., happening this Wednesday, May 7th.
- New review process for hiring leadership positions established. The email announcing the process can be found [here](#).

Admissions Process Changes for Fall 2026

- These changes apply only to Main Campus First Year incoming degree seeking students.
- The Fall 2026 application will go live on August 1, 2025
- November 1, 2025, will be the Early Action deadline for admission, merit scholarship consideration and honors admission.
 - Applications received between August 1 and November 1 will receive their decisions on January 15, 2026.
- After November 1 applications will be considered Regular Decision.
 - Regular Decisions for applications received after November 1 through the end of January will be released mid-February
 - Regular Decisions for applications received from February through March will be released at the end of March

- These changes will not impact need-based aid packaging timelines.
- All applications and scholarship consideration will be based on a holistic review of the application and supporting materials. There will not be any auto-admitted or awarded processes as with the past practices.
- There will be no changes to the application processes for any other populations.