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President Amy Parsons

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Dear CSU Community,

This semester we conducted a national search for CSU's next provost. Today I'm delighted to share that we found exactly who we were looking for, someone who has been part of CSU's academic community for nearly two decades. Dr. Lise Youngblade will be CSU's next provost and executive vice president for academic affairs, effective June 1.

In this role, Lise will oversee the Provost's Office; the deans of the Libraries, Graduate School and eight colleges; the Vice President for Enrollment and Access; the Vice President for Student Affairs; and the Office of the Chair of the Faculty Council among other responsibilities. She will partner closely with our leadership team and campus community to advance CSU's academic mission and strengthen our position as a leading research university.

Those of you who know Lise – and many of you do – know the caliber of leadership our university has in her. She joined CSU in 2006 from the University of Florida to lead the Department of Human Development and Family Studies. As department head, she grew undergraduate enrollment, elevated research, redesigned the curriculum and launched major new programs before being appointed dean of the College of Health and Human Sciences in 2019.

During her tenure leading one of CSU's most wide-ranging colleges – home to everything from health and exercise science to social work to construction management – Lise nearly doubled research expenditures and achieved record philanthropic support. She also launched nine new programs, including our Doctor of Occupational Therapy program, now ranked No. 1 in the country, and the first collaborative degree between two CSU System campuses, a joint B.S./M.S. in nursing with CSU Pueblo. Her own research has attracted more than

\$20 million in external funding, and she currently chairs APLU's Board on Health and Human Sciences, a fitting role for someone who deeply understands the purpose of CSU's land-grant mission. This university is measurably stronger because of her scholarship and academic leadership.

A thorough national search chaired by Vice President for Research Cassandra Moseley built a highly qualified candidate pool and gathered perspectives from across the university through listening sessions and finalist forums. I'm grateful to the members of the search committee for their time and careful judgment, and to the staff who supported the search from start to finish. The active participation of our shared governance councils ensured a rigorous process and a strong result. Deep thanks as well to the many faculty, staff, students and university supporters who engaged throughout the process.

I also want to thank Lise for stepping up as interim provost earlier this year and Matt Hickey for his service as interim dean of the College of Health and Human Sciences. I'm appreciative that Matt has agreed to stay in that role until a permanent dean is in place. We will share information about the timing of national searches for permanent deans of CHHS and the Warner College of Natural Resources in the coming months.

As CSU emerges as the national model for a modern land-grant university, we require effective leadership at every level. Lise knows CSU and understands what it will take to achieve our collective vision for the future. She has spent 20 years here, building programs, growing research, forming relationships and earning the trust of this campus. I can think of no better person to step into this role at this moment in our history, and I look forward to what we'll accomplish together.

Please join me in congratulating Lise on her appointment.

Sincerely,



Amy Parsons
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