




MEMORANDUM

To: Faculty, Staff, and Students
USC Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work

From: Michael W. Quick 
Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

Date: September 19, 2018

Subject: Dean Search for the USC Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work

On behalf of President Austin, I am writing to announce the appointment of a search committee to identify and recruit outstanding candidates for the next dean of the USC Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work. Elizabeth Graddy, Vice Provost for Academic and Faculty Affairs, and Pinchas Cohen, Dean of the Leonard Davis School of Gerontology, will co-chair the committee. Appointed after consultation with the school's faculty council, the search committee roster accompanies this memorandum.

The USC Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work has long been one of the university's flagship schools. Its consistent top-ranking among its peers, pioneering programs, and cutting-edge interdisciplinary research attest to its success. The school was one of the first in the discipline to be fully accredited, and throughout its history it has continually provided innovative opportunities for specialized study, including groundbreaking online offerings, and valuable real-world experience. With a mission of promoting social justice and a dedication to fostering diversity and inclusion, the school is an essential part of our academic community.

Suzanne Dworak-Peck's historic gift in 2016 marks a transformative investment in the school's future, promising to expand its impact on a global scale; I am pleased that Suzanne Dworak-Peck has agreed to serve as a special advisor to me throughout the search. As it is critical to the university's reputation and influence, I view the appointment of our next dean of the USC Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work as a key moment in my role as provost. Please know this search has my full attention and that its successful, timely completion is a high priority for me, as it is for the entire university community.

As the search committee moves forward, the same five rules of engagement will guide its work as have been observed in other dean searches: (1) The final choice of the dean is made by the president. (2) During the entire process, there will be no votes by any group or constituency. (3) Those who are asked to interview the final candidates will be invited to send their comments regarding the strengths and possible weaknesses of the final candidates to me directly and confidentially. (4) There will be no final vote within the advisory search committee. (5) All nominations will come before the advisory search committee without filtering.

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On behalf of the search committee, I encourage your participation in identifying and recruiting the next dean of the USC Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work; students, staff, and faculty will all actively contribute to the search process. We will be engaging a search firm to assist us in locating and recruiting candidates, and we will provide information about the ways you can submit your nominations and input. We will keep you informed of our progress in the search.

Cc: Wanda Austin
Board of Councilors of the USC Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work
President's Cabinet
Provost's Cabinet
Academic Senate
Academic Deans

**USC Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work
Dean Search Committee**

Co-chair: **Elizabeth Graddy**, Vice Provost for Academic and Faculty Affairs; Jeffrey J. Miller Chair in Government, Business, and the Economy, Professor of Public Policy

Co-chair: **Pinchas Cohen**, Dean, USC Leonard Davis School of Gerontology; William and Sylvia Kugel Dean's Chair in Gerontology; Professor of Gerontology, Medicine and Biological Sciences; Executive Director, Ethel Percy Andrus Gerontology Center

Maria Aranda, Executive Director of the USC Edward R. Roybal Institute; Associate Professor of Social Work, Department of Adult Mental Health and Wellness

John Brekke, Frances G. Larson Professor of Social Work Research, Department of Adult Mental Health and Wellness

Annalisa Enrile, Clinical Professor of Social Work; Vice Chair, Department of Social Change and Innovation

Kimberly Finney, Clinical Associate Professor of Social Work, Department of Adult Mental Health and Wellness

Michàlle Mor Barak, Dean's Professor of Social Work and Business; Chair, Department of Social Change and Innovation

Lawrence Palinkas, Frances L. and Albert G. Feldman Professor of Social Policy and Health; Chair, Department of Children Youth & Families

Suzanne Wenzel, Richard and Ann Thor Professorship in Urban Development; Chair, Department of Adult Mental Health and Wellness

Marleen Wong, David Lawrence Stein/Violet Goldberg Sachs Professor of Mental Health; Senior Vice Dean of Field Education; Clinical Professor of Social Work, Department of Children Youth and Families