

Office of the President

June 14, 2024

Members, Board of Trustees:

APPOINTMENT OF THE DEAN OF THE COLLEGE OF DESIGN

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the appointment of Ned Crankshaw as dean of the College of Design, effective July 1, 2024.

Background: Professor Crankshaw has served as acting dean of the College of Design since August 2022 and has led sustained growth in enrollment, research efforts and a move into the new Gray Design Building, a space where the college's community can gather, study and collaborate in one centralized location.

The College of Design, led by Crankshaw, was also the recipient of a Provost IMPACT Award to support the college's vision for a Softgoods Lab to inspire innovation and generate new design possibilities.

Crankshaw is a registered Landscape Architect and a Fellow of the American Society of Landscape Architects. He holds a bachelor's in landscape architecture from Ball State University and a Master of Landscape Architecture from Iowa State University. He joined the faculty of the University of Kentucky Department of Landscape Architecture in 1990 and was chair of the department from 2010-2022. Additionally, he is a former member and chair of the Landscape Architecture Accreditation Board, which oversees the accreditation of 100 landscape architecture degree programs in the United States.

Crankshaw has won multiple national awards as an educator and administrator, including the Outstanding Administrator award from the Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture in 2023. He was named one of Design Intelligence's 25 Most Admired Educators in Design in both 2018 and 2019 and is a Fellow of the American Society of Landscape Architects and the Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture.

A committed advocate for student success and learning, Crankshaw guided multiple groups of undergraduate students with academic and career advising in landscape architecture and also served on and chaired thesis committees for graduate students in historic preservation.

Action taken: ☒ Approved ☐ Disapproved ☐ Other _____