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Dear Colleagues,

Earlier in spring, we put out a call for nominees for the second year of our new CAS Dean's Fellows program. This program is intended to help cultivate leadership in our College and give our Dean's leadership team access to fresh and diverse perspectives on some of the university's most important issues and projects.

I am pleased to announce the appointment of the following two CAS Dean's Fellows for AY2018-2019, selected from an impressive pool of applicants:

Lara Bovilsky, Associate Professor in English. Lara will help develop and implement new procedures for graduate advising and professional development throughout CAS, coordinating efforts among departments and with the Graduate School. This project is uniquely well-timed with a new Graduate School Dean beginning at the UO in August, and will also intersect with the advising planning we've undertaken around Tykeson Hall. Lara has served on the graduate council for three years (two as chair) and has already begun working with the graduate school independently to look at data about graduate advising CAS-wide.

Tyler Kendall, Associate Professor in Linguistics. Tyler will work on helping CAS support mid-career faculty, thinking about ways we can best foster career advancement, research, teaching, community life at the UO, and overall satisfaction. We've been hoping to take on this topic more intentionally for some time, and Tyler brings excellent experience to help us move forward. Tyler, a mid-career faculty member himself, was awarded a 2017-2018 Faculty Excellence Award and has served on the FAC and various *ad hoc* committees. He has also received several NSF research grants and served on many editorial committees and advisory boards in his field.

The projects that our Dean's Fellows will help lead represent some of the most important initiatives in the College and University this year. The Fellows will also be invited to many of our Dean's leadership team meetings, where they can offer insights to topics outside the specific projects they are working on.

I also want to thank the other faculty members who applied – and encourage them and others to apply in the future.

On a closing note, please join me in congratulating our new Dean's Fellows. I and the other deans are excited and honored to have these individuals as part of our team this year.

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