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Dear Mines Community:

Dean Graves and I are pleased to announce new leadership for the Mining Engineering at CSM. Dr. Priscilla Nelson will join CSM on January 6, 2014 as the new Mining Engineering Department Head.

Dr. Hugh Miller has been the interim head for the Mining Engineering Department for approximately 1.5 years. Professor Miller agreed to lead the Mining department on an interim basis only and he is excited at the opportunity to redirect all of his energy and talent to teaching, research, and continued service. Dean Graves and I want to take a quick moment and formally thank Prof. Miller for his service.

Dr. Nelson joins Mines from the New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT) where she is Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering following a term as Provost at that institution. She was formerly a Professor at the University of Texas at Austin and also spent eleven years at the National Science Foundation where her experience includes senior advisor to the director of NSF. Prof. Nelson is a distinguished member of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), former president of the Geo-Institute of ASCE, and was the first president of the American Rock Mechanics Association. She is an active member of the Underground Construction Association of SME, and has developed expertise in Geological Engineering, Underground Construction and Rock Mechanics. She is an elected Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and has served chair of the Division of Engineering in AAAS. We all look forward to having Prof. Nelson on the campus.

As always, thanks to the faculty, students, and staff on the campus for all that you do for Mines.

All the Best!

Terry Parker
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