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Dear Mines Community:

I am pleased to announce new leadership for the Humanitarian Engineering Minor at CSM.

CSM excels in the areas of natural resource extraction, energy generation, and stewardship of the environment. All of these activities have direct and complex impacts on the communities where our graduates and their employers operate. The Humanitarian Engineering minor was originally conceived as a way to provide some of our students with experiences at the interfaces of engineering and the needs of these communities. Some time has passed since this minor was established and we are now at the point where, to reinforce our reputation as an academic institution with a strong commitment, as noted in our mission, to "prudent and provident use of resources in a sustainable global society," we are going to reinvigorate the Humanitarian Engineering minor. With this in mind, I am appointing Dr. Juan Lucena, Associate Professor of Liberal Arts and International Studies, as director of the Humanitarian Engineering Minor. Working with an advisory board led by Dean Kevin Moore and including deans Tony Dean and Ramona Graves, among others, Dr. Lucena will convene a curricular committee for the minor similar in structure to the one in place for the Energy Minor. This committee will initially assess the present and future opportunities for the minor (perhaps including a name change) and propose appropriate curriculum updates. Please join me in supporting Dr. Lucena in this important effort.

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

All the Best!

Terry Parker
Provost and Executive Vice President