

# A Message from John McGreevy

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Dear Colleagues,

I hope your spring semester is off to a promising start. I write with a few updates from the Provost's Office.

First, Fr. Bob Dowd's upcoming move to the president's office has given me an opportunity to think through the reporting lines of the various interdisciplinary units he supervised. Rather than appoint a new associate provost, and in the spirit of thinking as an institution, I've decided to ask some of the current members of my cabinet to take on these responsibilities. Starting on February 1, the new reporting lines are:

- Jim Frabutt: Office of Military and Veterans Affairs and ROTC program
- David Go: Lucy Institute for Data and Society and Fitzgerald Institute for Real Estate
- Margaret Meserve: Raclin Murphy Museum of Art and DeBartolo Performing Arts Center
- Ron Metoyer: Institute for Educational Initiatives
- Jeff Rhoads: iNDustry Lab
- Maura Ryan: Center for Social Concerns and McGrath Institute for Church Life

I'm grateful to Fr. Bob for his excellent work with these units and to our colleagues for taking on these additional responsibilities. You can learn more about the provost's office team and their roles in the [updated people section of our website](#).

Second, the University will undergo its 10-year comprehensive evaluation for reaffirmation of accreditation by the Higher Learning Commission this spring. Colleagues throughout the University have been working tirelessly to prepare for this, and I'm grateful for their continued efforts. I am also grateful to Maura Ryan, Demetra Schoenig, and Caroline Maloney from the provost's office for their leadership in this effort.

The assessment combines a comprehensive self-study, student survey, and in-person site visit in April. The process presents us with the opportunity to articulate how our academic programs, student and faculty services, and assessment and planning infrastructure fulfill


our stated mission and our obligations to the students we serve. More information about accreditation is available [here](#).

Last but not least, our office has been reassessing the University's slate of annual faculty awards, which will open for nominations on February 15. The updates include a renewed focus on research and teaching, increased financial recognition, and a simplified nomination format to allow for efficient submissions even in the midst of a busy semester. These revamped internal awards will enhance our University culture of faculty recognition as we work to advance Notre Dame as the leading global Catholic research university.

You can expect more detailed information on the awards and nomination process next month. Please take this opportunity to nominate a colleague and help us celebrate our most outstanding faculty.

All best wishes on your teaching and research efforts this semester.

Sincerely,



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Charles and Jill Fischer Provost  
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