As the 2013–14 academic year gets under way, we experience the annual renewal of new students and transitions as faculty and staff retire and new faculty and staff join the campus. This month we welcome new campus leadership to the IUPUI team who have, or will soon have, assumed new roles by summer’s end.

Jeffrey A. Dean is my new chief of staff. Formerly, Jeff was the IU School of Dentistry’s executive associate dean and associate dean for faculty affairs. As chief of staff, he will serve as an advisor to me and the senior leadership team on strategies and priorities, as well as oversee intercollegiate athletics. An IU faculty member since 1985, Jeff is the Ralph E. McDonald Professor of Pediatric Dentistry and professor of orthodontics at the School of Dentistry and Riley Hospital for Children. The IU D.D.S. alum also holds a Bachelor of Science in biochemistry from Purdue University.

Karen L. Dace is our newly appointed vice chancellor for diversity, equity, and inclusion, effective September 3. She comes to us from previous chief diversity officer roles at the University of Missouri–Kansas City and the University of Utah. She is the District 5 regional director for the Commission on Access, Diversity, and Excellence with the Association of Public and Land–Grant Universities. At IUPUI, she will oversee the Multicultural Success Center and Adaptive Educational Services and work with IUPUI units to advance our diversity goals. She holds baccalaureate and master’s degrees from the University of Illinois at Chicago, as well as a Ph.D. from the University of Iowa.

Andrew R. Klein, my previous chief of staff, is now the 12th dean of the IU Robert H. McKinney School of Law. A member of the school’s faculty since 2000, he had been the Paul E. Beam Professor of Law and served as associate dean for academic affairs in the law school from 2004 to 2007. Before joining IUPUI, he was on the faculty of Samford University’s Cumberland School of Law in Birmingham, Alabama. After receiving his J.D. from the Emory University School of Law, he was an associate at Sidley & Austin law firm and clerked for Judge Joseph W. Hatchett, U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit. He received his Bachelor of Arts in journalism and economics from the University of Wisconsin.

Paul K. Halverson became the founding dean of the new IU Richard M. Fairbanks School of Public Health at IUPUI on May 15. He had served as director for the Arkansas Department of Health since 2005 under two governors. Having also been on the faculty of the Fay W. Boozman College of Public Health and College of Medicine, both within the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. Paul has significant experience meeting the very type of health issues Hoosiers face. Prior to his work in Arkansas, Paul held several key positions at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. He holds a bachelor’s in communication and master’s degree in health services administration from Arizona State University as well as a Ph.D. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Jay L. Hess will be the IU School of Medicine’s 10th dean and the first dean since Willis Gatch stepped down in 1946 to come from outside IU. As was Dr. Gatch, incidentally, Dr. Hess is a graduate of the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. Jay was most recently the Carl V. Weller Professor and Chair of Pathology at the highly acclaimed University of Michigan Health System, where he had
been on the faculty of internal medicine since 2005. Before that, he held faculty and clinical roles at the University of Pennsylvania Health System and Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis.

Jay also holds the title IU vice president for university clinical affairs. In that role, he will coordinate activities across IU’s health sciences disciplines (nursing, dentistry, optometry, social work, public health, and health and rehabilitation sciences). He will also be an active partner in clinical relationships with IU Health, Wishard/Eskenazi Health, and the Roudebush VA Medical Center, as well as with life–sciences–based economic development, including the new Indiana Biosciences Research Institute.

As you can see, IUPUI’s recognitions and achievements, amid the challenges, continue to fuel a national reputation that makes our campus attractive to recruiting and retaining outstanding leaders.

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