



# A Message

FROM THE PRESIDENT

19 March 2020

Dear alumnus,

I am pleased to announce the following appointments, which will take effect from 1 April 2020:

## **VICE PROVOST (TEACHING INNOVATION & QUALITY)**

**Associate Professor Erle Lim Chuen Hian** will be appointed to a new position of Vice Provost (Teaching Innovation & Quality).

In his new role, Erle will advocate innovation in teaching through facilitating the use of technology in developing educational initiatives and blended teaching, and ensure that such initiatives are predicated on sound pedagogical principles. He will supervise administrative units that have an educational role, including the Centre for Instructional Technology, NUS Libraries, Centre for Development of Teaching & Learning, Institute for Applied Learning Sciences & Educational Technology and the NUS Teaching Academy. Erle will also co-chair the Board of Undergraduate Studies, and assist in administering the University Committee on Educational Policy.

Erle is presently a Clinician Scholar holding a concurrent appointment as a Senior Consultant Neurologist in the National University Hospital. His subspecialty interest is in Movement disorders, focusing on clinical applications of Botulinum toxin, Parkinson's disease, Spasticity and Dystonia. He won the NUS Outstanding Educator Award in 2006/7, and was previously Assistant Dean of Education at the Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine from 2007 to 2010, and also the Chairman of the Executive Council of the NUS Teaching Academy from 2010 to 2012.

An avid educator, Erle oversaw numerous diverse technology-enhanced education initiatives in his capacity as Associate Provost (Undergraduate Education) for the last four years. These initiatives include the Learning Innovation Fund-Technology, Blending Learning modules, Université Sorbonne Paris Cité partnerships, Design Your Own Module, as well as NUS' partnerships with edX and Coursera, among others.

## **VICE PROVOST (GRADUATE EDUCATION)**

**Professor Shen Zuowei**, Dean of the Faculty of Science (FoS), will be appointed Vice Provost (Graduate Education). In his new leadership role, Zuowei will focus on the strategic transformation and management of postgraduate programmes,

leveraging his extensive education-related experience. He will concurrently be Dean of Science until 30 June 2020.

Zuowei joined NUS' Department of Mathematics in 1993. He was appointed as Distinguished Professor from 2009 to 2012, and is presently Tan Chin Tuan Centennial Professor since 2013. Zuowei was Head of the Department of Mathematics from 2012 to 2014 before assuming the position of Dean of Science in 2014.

An esteemed mathematician and scholar, Zuowei is one of the most outstanding mathematicians in NUS, well-known for his fundamental contributions in mathematical foundation of data science, especially in the areas of approximation and wavelet theory, image processing and compressed sensing, computer vision and machine learning. In recognition of his contributions, he has received many honours and awards such as the National Science Award of Singapore and NUS Outstanding Researcher Award. He was also recently elected as a fellow of the World Academy of Sciences, American Mathematical Society and Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics.

As Dean of Science, Zuowei displayed a deep understanding of the Faculty, championing a culture of excellence and upholding great rigour in administration. He has worked relentlessly with his leadership team and led the Faculty on a strong trajectory towards excellence.

Under Zuowei's stewardship, FoS introduced timely teaching innovations, high-impact degree programmes and a suite of specialised professional courses to support both undergraduate and graduate students in their efforts to stay abreast with the latest scientific developments and acquire new skills for emerging industries. He also strengthened outreach efforts and admission strategies to attract quality students to the Faculty, and enhanced continuing education initiatives which contributed to the University's Continuing Education and Training efforts.

FoS has also achieved breakthroughs in many areas of fundamental research while building and integrating strengths in areas like data science and analytics, materials science, healthcare sciences, sustainability sciences, and food science and technology. The recent launch of the Applied Materials-NUS Advanced Materials Corporate Laboratory, which brings together experts in chemistry, materials science and microelectronics engineering, is one example of such collaboration.

## **DEAN, FACULTY OF SCIENCE**

**Professor Sun Yeneng** will be appointed Dean-Designate of the Faculty of Science from 1 April 2020, and Dean with effect from 1 July 2020.

Yeneng is an eminent scholar, leader and administrator. He is Goh Keng Swee Professor of Economics and Professor of Mathematics in NUS, as well as Director of the Risk Management Institute. He was also formerly Raffles Professor of Social Sciences from 2009 to 2015.

Yeneng began his career with the NUS Mathematics Department in 1989 and was promoted to professor in 2002. A respected scholar who has received multiple honours for his research, and sits on numerous editorial and advisory boards, his research interests lie in the areas of mathematics and its applications to economics.

Yeneng has some 20 years of administrative experience in NUS. He previously held a broad range of responsibilities including Head/Acting Head of Department of Economics (2008–2012), Deputy Director of Institute for Mathematical Sciences (2001–2004), Founding Director of the FoS Master of Science in Quantitative Finance Programme (2009), and Member of University Promotion and Tenure Committee (2002–2004), among others.

We welcome Erle and Zuowei to their new appointments as Vice Provost (Teaching Innovation & Quality) and Vice Provost (Graduate Education) respectively in the Office of the Senior Deputy President and Provost, and Yeneng as Dean-Designate of Science. We wish them the very best in their new roles.

You can read more about the above appointments in [NUS News](#)

With best wishes,

Professor Tan Eng Chye (Science '85)  
NUS President