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PROFS Statement on Selection of UCLA Law School Dean Jennifer Mnookin as UW-Madison Chancellor

PROFS congratulates UCLA Law School Dean Jennifer Mnookin on her appointment as UW-Madison chancellor. Dean Mnookin's background in academia and higher education administration is very impressive. We are particularly pleased that Dean Mnookin has a strong history with and commitment to shared governance and look forward to working with her to ensure UW-Madison remains a world-class institution as we move through the 21st Century.

PROFS also commends Professor Susan Hagness for helping lead an effective search and screen committee, and thanks all the members of the committee for their work. PROFS has long advocated for inclusive search and screen committees that truly represent the interests of the institution. This latest committee proves that it can be done effectively.

Finally, PROFS commends Provost John Karl Scholz for agreeing to serve as interim chancellor until Dean Mnookin begins in August. Provost Scholz knows UW-Madison inside and out and will do an excellent job.

It is unfortunate that some legislators chose to criticize the selection of Dean Mnookin before they even met her. The fact that Dean Mnookin was a unanimous choice of regents who were appointed by both Republican and Democratic governors demonstrates that the selection was not partisan in any way.

Dean Mnookin has expressed a willingness to work with legislators on both sides of the aisle, and PROFS is impressed that Dean Mnookin does not appear to be letting this unfair and unfounded criticism deter her from enthusiastically beginning her new position. We believe she will be an excellent chancellor for UW-Madison.

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