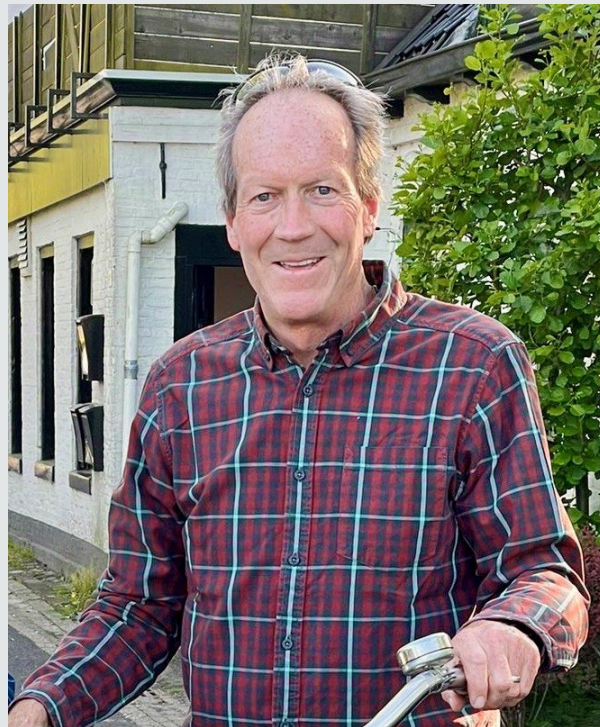




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## A Message from the Chair



April 1 just dawned on campus with 3" of new snow and heavy snowfall continuing most of the day. It reminded me of the typical Utah Spring where "if you don't like the weather, wait a moment and it

will change...”. Fresh snow often characterizes many a University April and sometimes into May and June in the nearby mountains, with starkly contrasting warm sun and blossoms in between. Daily temperature swings of up to 40 degrees are known. Dramatic fluctuations analogous to the Utah weather are currently jostling university campuses nationwide as unprecedented, abrupt, often daily, changes in federal government policies are shaking the very foundations of higher education and the university research enterprise.

An English expression claimed to be translated from a traditional Chinese curse “***May you live in interesting times***” is certainly relevant as we observe the daily changes that impact what has been arguably remained a fairly routine university campus environment, faculty profession and modern research practices for decades. Interesting indeed! One might then speculate “if you don’t like the current campus situation, wait a moment and it will change...”. We’ll see.....

This Spring newsletter provides the latest exciting developments in Biomedical Engineering at Utah, from our student achievements and accolades to research discoveries and awards, publications and other interesting tidbits. Among them is the news that I am seeking my successor as BME Department Chair after 8 fine years – the search for a new national leader for Utah BME is launched!!!  
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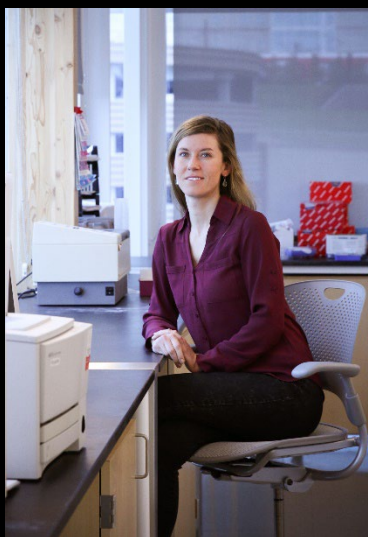
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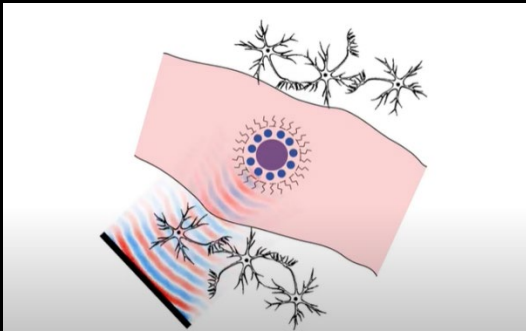
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