Shih-Fu Chang, a professor of electrical engineering and computer science who currently serves as senior executive vice dean of Columbia Engineering, will become interim dean of the school on July 1, taking over for Mary C. Boyce, who was recently named University Provost.

Chang, who has taught at Columbia Engineering since 1993, has worked closely alongside Boyce, overseeing the creation of a number of interdisciplinary research and education initiatives and advancing diversity, equity, and inclusion programs. An expert on artificial intelligence, computer vision, and multimedia content analysis, Chang also directs the Columbia Center of Artificial Intelligence Technology.
, which was launched at the engineering school in collaboration with Amazon last fall.

President Lee C. Bollinger, in announcing Chang’s appointment, said that he will form a search committee to hire Boyce’s permanent successor.