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Chicago's **Booth School of Business** has announced that Sunil Kumar will become the school's new dean. The Indian-born professor currently oversees **Stanford's** MBA programme and is an expert in operations management. He will begin his five-year term in 2011.

The announcement means that the merry-go-round of changes at the helm of the world's biggest schools seems to be slowing. **Harvard** and **Kellogg** have both recently appointed new people at the top, while **Yale** has bagged Chicago's outgoing dean, Edward Snyder, who will begin work next year. This leaves **Cambridge** and **Michigan** still on the hunt for people to head up their schools.

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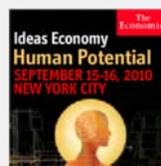
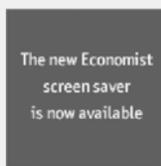
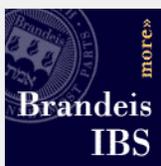
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