



To: Misericordia University Campus Community and Alumni
From: Greg Collins '82, Trustee and Chair of the Presidential Search Committee
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Subject: Update on Presidential Search Process

I would like to provide my first update to the University community on the progress we have made, thus far, in our Presidential Search process.

Let me start upfront with how pleased I am with the great variety of thought, life experience, and expertise we have on our Search Committee. Our committee is made up by the representation of nine Trustees (several of whom are alumni), three Faculty, three Misericordia staff, one Misericordia student, and one Alumni representative. They possess a broad range of personal and professional experiences across different generations that inform our search and add much to our discussions. I am confident this committee will contribute greatly to the success of the charge that has been assigned to us by the Chair of the Board. My thanks goes out to all of my committee members for accepting this assignment, and I look forward to our collective journey together.

I would be remiss if I did not also thank Dr. Kathleen Owens, president of the University, and Chris Borton, past Board of Trustees chair, for agreeing to assist us as needed in the capacity of advisors/consultants.

Where are we on the Search Timeline?

August 10 - We virtually met as a committee. At our first meeting, we adopted our timeline, agreed on an advertising plan, developed a communication plan, and we discussed our roles in the process.

September 1 – Dr. Deborah Smith-Mileski, board chair, announced the beginning of the search process and opened the search website to the Misericordia community and the general public.

September 7-11 - AGB Search conducted listening sessions with all segments of the MU community.

September 16 - AGB Search sent drafts of the recruiting materials to the Search Committee for editing and approval.

This is where we currently are on the Search Timeline.

What is next for the search?

Today, the advertisement and full search profile are live and available on our web site, www.misericordia.edu/presidentialsearch. We encourage the community to review these documents that were produced using the information obtained in the listening sessions. The community input form on the web site remains active so interested persons can still provide feedback on the process or nominate a prospective presidential candidate.

In early November, we will again gather as a committee to review the submissions and identify candidates appropriate to move along to the next phase of our search.

As you can see, much work has been completed to date and more is ahead. You have my commitment, and the commitment of the entire committee, that we will remain steadfast on our work in order to present a well thought out recommendation to the full Board in March 2021.