

March 20, 2018

Dear Campus Community Members,

The Presidential Search Committee conducted first-round interviews the week of March 5<sup>th</sup> to further narrow the pool of candidates for UNC's next president. We were pleased with what we learned from the candidates and are happy to report that during the first week of April, we will be meeting with some of the candidates for a second round of interviews.

At the conclusion of the first-round interviews, the Search Committee also agreed that its representatives from the campus governance groups will continue to have an active role in the selection process until a president is named. We agreed to work together as a committee—both trustees and governance group representatives—to reach consensus on a sole finalist for the position. We are optimistic about our ability to reach consensus, but if for some reason this is not possible, the Board will still fulfill its obligation to make the final decision.

We believe that naming a sole finalist is in the best interests of the search and ultimately, in the best interests of UNC. We understand the importance of being sensitive to candidates' roles in their current organizations and believe that naming a sole finalist is the most effective way to do this. As Alberto Pimentel, our search consultant, discussed at the January 19th Board of Trustees meeting, this is an increasingly common practice, and there are several recent examples in Colorado.

We hope to announce a finalist in early April and invite the finalist to UNC to meet with the campus community shortly thereafter. State law requires that we wait 14 days after announcing a finalist before making the hire, so if the timeline goes as hoped, the new president should be hired by mid-April.

Sincerely,

Kevin Ahern, Trustee  
Kato Crews, Trustee  
Kevion Ellis, Student Senate President  
Vish Iyer, Faculty Trustee  
Michael Kelly, Student Trustee  
Shawanna Kimbrough-Hayward, Professional Administrative Staff Council Chair  
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