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Presidential Search Update #1

Dear Members of the Aurora University Community,

We are pleased to announce the launch of the Presidential Search Committee and its members. We intend to charge the Search Committee with conducting an open, inclusive, and transparent process that extensively consults with the university community and regularly communicates its progress. We solicited nominations for the Search Committee and the Board of Trustees appointed Trustee John Ammons as Search Committee Chair.

The Presidential Search Committee members are:

John Ammons '83 – Trustee, Chair of the Presidential Search Committee

Hilary Brennan '83 – Trustee

Doug Craft '75 – Trustee

Chad DeKing '83 – Trustee

Hilary Rantisi '93 – Trustee

Ann Sheets '77 (GWC) – Trustee

Dr. Matt Kneller – Professor of Communication, Director of General Education

Dr. Chetna Patel – Professor of Chemistry, Smith Distinguished Chair in Science and Mathematics, Chair of Physical Sciences

Dr. Ed Howerton – Associate Professor of Education, Associate Dean of the College of Education and Social Work

Kara Fenne – Associate Professor of Nursing, Chair of Undergraduate Nursing

Tory Nair – Director of Career Services

Kallie Sakamoto – Student, Senior, Criminal Justice Major, Women's Golf Team Member

Presidential Search Committee Support:

Chriss Johns – Board Chair, ex-officio

Becca Flaminio – Executive Support

With support from our retained search consultants, WittKieffer, we anticipate recruiting a compelling and diverse pool of candidates whose leadership, experience, and acumen can position Aurora University for a promising future.

We have created a presidential search website that will provide periodic updates on the search process: <https://aurora.edu/presidential-search/index.html>.



In order to gain broad feedback from the Aurora University community on the presidential search, we will be scheduling a number of listening sessions in early October. We encourage your attendance so that the committee and the search firm can hear your voices. In addition, we will be launching a survey and encourage you to fill it out. Survey feedback will be kept confidential. Here is a link to the survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/K5LQ29X>.

We welcome your suggestions and nominations, which can be directed to: AuroraUniversityPresident@wittkieffer.com.

The Search Committee will commence its work in early October. As the search progresses, we will keep you informed about the search process through regular communication and updates to the presidential search website.

Thank you for your support of this process as we identify Aurora University's next president.

Sincerely,

Chriss Johns and John Ammons