

A letter from the Presidential Search Committee Co-Chairs

August 27, 2015

Dear Members of the UD Community:

We are pleased to share with you an update on our progress in the search for UD's next President. We have made considerable progress and are excited about the pool of candidates we have recruited. Our work will continue on schedule well into the fall semester, with the goal to recommend a list of qualified candidates to the Board of Trustees in early winter.

By way of background, starting in May 2015, we collected extensive feedback from faculty, staff, students, alumni, parents, and members of the community, on the key priorities and challenges facing the incoming president, as well as the key competencies and experiences central to any successful candidate. Through a variety of activities, including open forums, focus groups and one-on-one meetings, we received very thoughtful comments. All input was considered in developing a comprehensive description of the role, available on the [Presidential Search Website](#).

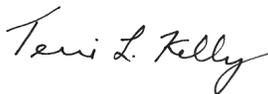
Extensive research was undertaken to identify the best possible candidates, including outreach to seek nominations from the UD community and beyond. Members of the Search Committee reviewed full CVs and supplemental materials for over 50 candidates with academic leadership experience from the nation's most pre-eminent universities. Most individuals considered are accomplished academics with significant leadership experience, including sitting presidents, provosts, and deans. This diverse slate of candidates represents a broad range of disciplines, with many candidates having deep interdisciplinary interests and successes.

The committee spent a considerable amount of time reviewing the candidate pool and has now identified a group that will be invited for confidential interviews. Our committee members are enthusiastic about the prospect of meeting these impressive individuals.

Of course, it is never too late for new, strong candidates to emerge, and we will certainly consider new nominees if they are submitted.

Thank you for your strong support and your many insights. We look forward to continuing to update you in the months ahead, within the constraints of keeping the process confidential.

Best,



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