Dear Faculty, Staff, and Students:

Earlier this month, the Board of Regents began the process of selecting the next President of the University of Washington. I am happy to report on the progress we are making and to announce a series of open forums on each campus designed to begin a discussion with the university community and external constituents about the university and the leadership requirements for the next president.

During the past two weeks, we have:

- Appointed Dr. Kenyon Chan to chair the Presidential Search Advisory Committee.
- Solicited nominations for the faculty, students, staff, and external supporters who will be appointed to the Presidential Search Advisory Committee.
- Received eight proposals from national search consultants for review and selection by the Regents.
- Met with faculty, students, and administrative leadership to discuss methods of organizing broad and deep discussion on the current profile of the university and leadership requirements for the next president.

During the next few weeks, we will:

- Begin consultations with the university community and our supporters on the presidential search, starting with a series of open forums listed on the right.
- Appoint a search consultant to assist us in finding the best president to match our leadership needs.
- Appoint a diverse and balanced Presidential Search Advisory Committee that will include regents, faculty, students, staff, and external supporters.

Your input is crucial to this process. To that end, the Regents invite you to a series of open forums we will be holding over the course of the next several weeks, on each of our campuses, to hear your perspectives on the university and its future leadership. Each forum is open to everyone, but each is targeted at a specific constituency. You may attend any session.

In addition to these open forums, we have also requested that faculty and student leadership, along with Deans, Chancellors, and Vice Presidents, host smaller discussions within their area of responsibility. Other methods of consulting with the university community are being organized as well.

The following are examples of questions the Regents will be asking:

1. How would you describe the most important characteristics of the University of Washington?
2. What are the greatest opportunities and challenges facing the next president of the university?
3. What experiences, qualities, and characteristics are required in the next president to meet these opportunities and challenges?
4. Do you have other advice to offer to the Presidential Search Advisory Committee and the Board of Regents at this stage of the search?

On behalf of the Board of Regents and Presidential Search Advisory Committee Chair Kenyon Chan, we hope you will be able to attend and tell us your thoughts. For more information, and to keep apprised of the search, go to uw.edu/regents/presidential-search.

Sincerely,

Bill Ayer, Chair
University of Washington Board of Regents

OPEN FORUM SCHEDULE

Monday, May 4  –  UW Seattle, HUB Lyceum
3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
– Undergraduate Student Perspectives
5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
– Graduate Student Perspectives

Tuesday, May 5  –  UW Bothell, North Creek Events Center
3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
– Student Perspectives
5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
– Faculty and Staff Perspectives

Monday, May 11  –  UW Tacoma, Jane Russell Commons
3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
– Student Perspectives
5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
– Faculty and Staff Perspectives

Tuesday, May 26  –  UW Seattle, HUB Lyceum
4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
– Faculty and Staff Perspectives

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