

Dear Campus Community:

I am pleased to report that the Board of Governors has made significant progress in the upcoming presidential search.

At the Board's August 1st meeting, I appointed an ad hoc committee consisting of myself and Governors Phil Christofferson, Jennifer Dameron, and Nancy Gingrich to begin preliminary work on the process. That work included issuing a Request for Proposals for search consultants. The University received twelve proposals from search consultant firms, and after a thorough review of each proposal, the committee interviewed the top three finalists.

On September 23, the committee presented the firm of WittKieffer to the Board of Governors as a partner in the search for a replacement for President Thomas, and the Board approved. The committee's recommendation was based on an analysis of the services offered, the consultants' experience and liberal arts background, and their success working with other universities similar to Truman. The recommendation was also supported by the firm's experience and performance record with other Missouri universities and fellow COPLAC institutions, as well as positive references the committee received.

Also, at the September meeting, I am pleased to report that the Board approved the composition of the Presidential Search Committee. The committee includes representatives from the Board of Governors, administration, faculty, staff, students, and the Foundation Board. We greatly appreciate these individuals' willingness to serve in this important process, as well as the work the various constituent groups did to identify those willing to serve.

Co-Chair: Phil Christofferson, Board of Governors Past Chair
Co-Chair: Tim Walston, Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost
Alison Ayres, Executive Director of Career Services and Employer Relations
Laura Bates, Executive Director of Student Union and Campus Recreation
Signe Coombs, Director of Athletics
Jennifer Dameron, Board of Governors Vice Chair
Brody Douglas, Junior, Psychology and Exercise Science Major
Aaron Fine, Professor of Art
Nancy Gingrich, Board of Governors Past Chair
Katie Judd, Associate Professor of Psychology
Bill Lovegreen, Board of Governors Chair
Diane Richmond, Director of Learning Technologies
Jason Turk, Foundation Board of Directors Vice President
Dana Vazzana, Professor of Mathematics

The next step is to invite our WittKieffer consultants to campus within the next three to four weeks to gather input from faculty, staff, and students on the qualities, background, and experience we should seek in our next president. We will continue to provide updates on the search's progress through the stages of recruitment, evaluation, and selection, and we will post all updates on the presidential search website at <https://presidentiaalsearch.truman.edu/>.

Sincerely,

Bill Lovegreen
Chair, Board of Governors