Dear Campus Community:

Thank you to everyone who participated in the constituent listening sessions with the presidential search consultants from WittKieffer on November 4-5. The Board of Governors and the Presidential Search Committee strongly desire broad constituent involvement in this phase of the search process, and we were pleased with the campus community's feedback during the consultants' two-day visit.

During their time on campus, Christine Pendleton and Sandra Chu held sessions with staff, faculty, students, Foundation and Alumni Board members, the Executive Leadership Team, and the Presidential Search Committee. They also met with President Thomas and toured campus. The consultants solicited input on key opportunities and challenges the next president will face; the experience, credentials, skills, and personal qualities desired of the next president; and the unique characteristics of Truman and the community that would encourage individuals to apply. The constituent input will help shape the opportunity description, position qualifications, and characteristics included in the leadership profile that will be published and made available to interested candidates. You may continue to provide input by completing this brief survey, which closes at 5 p.m. on November 13. You can also nominate candidates or send inquiries or comments to the WittKieffer team by emailing them at Truman-President@wittkieffer.com.

In addition to the sessions above, the Presidential Search Committee Co-Chairs met with the consultants to review the search process and finalize the committee timeline. The Board of Governors has chosen a hybrid search process that ensures the most qualified candidates apply and are able to maintain their confidentiality in the process. Truman's last presidential search was hybrid, and the consultants have confirmed that this approach will yield the strongest pool of applicants. Once finalists have been selected, the Board of Governors and a Stakeholder Advisory Committee representing various Truman constituency groups and the Kirksville community will interview the finalists at an off-campus location. The Stakeholder Advisory Committee's feedback on the finalists will be weighed by the Board of Governors in the selection of our next President. We are excited to announce, on behalf of the Board of Governors, the members of our Stakeholder Advisory Committee.

Chair: Calaneet Balas, Immediate Past President of the Foundation Board of Directors
Julene Ensign, Associate Professor of Exercise Science
Mike Garzanelli, Comptroller
Kendyll Gethers, Junior, Health Science Major
Jeanne Harding, Director of the Institute for Academic Outreach and Graduate Education
Todd Holcomb, Vice President of the Alumni Board of Directors
Jackie Jackson, Vice President for University Advancement
Travis Miles, Director of Public Relations
Chad Mohler, Professor of Philosophy and Religion
Tricia Reger, Superintendent of Kirksville R-III School District
Janet Romine, Dean of Libraries and Museums
Cooper Spacil, Senior, Political Science and International Relations and Social Issue Advocacy Major

Committee updates on the search are available at https://presidentialsearch.truman.edu. We anticipate our next update will occur around December 1 when the leadership profile is released.

Phil Christofferson, Board of Governors
Tim Walston, Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost
Co-Chairs of the Presidential Search Committee