



MEMO

Date: March 16, 2020

To: Governors State University Faculty, Staff, and Students

From: Lisa M. Harrell, Chair, Governors State University Board of Trustees

Re: Update on Governors State University's Presidential Search

These are unprecedented times for our GSU community, our state, and our country. I want to begin with a heartfelt thank you, on behalf of the entire Board, to GSU's Emergency Response Team for their hard work and dedication to the safety of all. They have been working around the clock to stay on top of this rapidly changing situation. Thanks also to the administration, faculty, and staff for their resilience and creativity in dealing with COVID-19.

As you know, many university events have been cancelled and the way we are interacting with each other has been altered for the short term. In light of these changes, the on-campus interviews for the presidential candidates have been postponed. Originally scheduled for the weeks of March 23 and 30, we now hope to bring candidates to campus the weeks of April 6 and 13.

This postponement will not adversely affect the search. We are still on target to have a new president on campus on July 1.

As we get closer to April 6, we will update the GSU community about details of the candidates' visits. Their schedule will be such that each student, faculty member, or staff will have at least two opportunities to hear each candidate speak and to ask questions. In addition, everyone will be encouraged to complete a survey to provide feedback on each candidate.

If it becomes necessary to adjust this schedule we will inform you as soon as possible.

Again, we are dealing with issues that are unique and the GSU community is responding admirably. Together, we will continue to support and educate our students while supporting each other.

