



## GSU Presidential Search Update

**March 31, 2020**

Dear GSU Community,

I must begin this email with a thank you for all you have done in the past few weeks. Faculty have transformed their teaching methods and have worked to find additional ways to keep in contact with their students. While some staff remain on campus to provide essential services, many other staff members have transitioned to working remotely, finding new ways to complete work that is critical to the ongoing operations of the university. Finally, students have had their semesters upended and yet they have responded admirably – keeping up with classes and their studies while working and taking care of family members.

Thank you all for your dedication to GSU.

Today, I write about the next step in our search for GSU's sixth president. Per my March 16 memo, we were hoping to bring candidates to campus the weeks of April 6 and 13. It is now apparent that on-campus visits will not happen, but we are still moving forward with those dates.

We have planned for candidate "virtual visits" that will conform to the Governor's Stay-at-Home order and the Centers for Disease Control's protective coronavirus recommendations. Candidates will participate in a wide range of conversations, including a series of public webinars, one each for faculty, staff, and students. In addition, there will be an open forum, to which everyone, including community members and other GSU stakeholders, will be invited.

These are the same conversations which would have taken place if candidates had been able to visit the campus in person.

More information for each of these webinar forums will be sent in advance of each candidate's "virtual visit" dates. Those dates and times are listed below this message.

One business day in advance of each visit, the candidate's CV will be posted to the GSU Presidential Search webpage, along with a link where individuals can submit questions in advance for each candidate. On the day of a candidate's visit, a survey link will also be made available for feedback on that candidate. Those surveys will close at 5pm on the second day of each visit, and the respective candidates' CV will be removed at the same time, so please plan to complete your survey in a timely manner.

I urge everyone to participate in the webinars pertinent to your role on campus and to complete the surveys. Your feedback will be essential to the Board as we make our final decision. The Search Committee has identified four qualified, diverse, and enthusiastic finalists from a large pool of applicants and spent two long days conducting "airport interviews" with a full group of semifinalists to get us to this point.

I personally am looking forward to hearing from each finalist and learning what experience, ideas, and energy each would bring to GSU.

I understand that this process is different than what we were all hoping for. However, just as we have adapted in so many ways over the past few weeks, we will adjust to this new method.

Thank you in advance for your active participation in this vitally important phase of the presidential search.

Above all, be well.

Lisa M. Harrell  
Chairperson, GSU Board of Trustees

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### Schedule of Candidates' Visits

	Date	Time	Forum Description
<b>Candidate #1</b>	Monday, April 6	10:30 – 11:45am	Faculty Forum
		12:30 – 1:45pm	Staff Forum
		3:30 – 4:15pm	Student Forum
	Tuesday, April 7	10:00 – 11:15am	Open Forum
<b>Candidate #2</b>	Wednesday, April 8	10:30 – 11:45am	Faculty Forum
		12:30 – 1:45pm	Staff Forum
		3:30 – 4:15pm	Student Forum
	Thursday, April 9	10:00 – 11:15am	Open Forum
<b>Candidate #3</b>	Monday, April 13	10:30 – 11:45am	Faculty Forum
		12:30 – 1:45pm	Staff Forum
		3:30 – 4:15pm	Student Forum
	Tuesday, April 14	10:00 – 11:15am	Open Forum
<b>Candidate #4</b>	Wednesday, April 15	10:30 – 11:45am	Faculty Forum
		12:30 – 1:45pm	Staff Forum
		3:30 – 4:15pm	Student Forum
	Thursday, April 16	10:00 – 11:15am	Open Forum



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