



MEMO

Date: May 13, 2020

To: Governors State University Faculty, Administration and Staff

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

Re: Presidential Search Update

In spite of all that is out of our control during these unprecedented times, Governors State University's Board of Trustees is resolved to advance the university and its mission to provide an excellent educational experience to our students. We start with leadership.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, today I am pleased to announce that the Board will vote on Friday, May 15 to appoint Dr. Cheryl Green as GSU's sixth president.

Dr. Green is a proven, visionary leader, whose expertise will strategically guide GSU during this unusual time of COVID-19-imposed challenges, and well into its next 50 years.

Dr. Green was selected following an inclusive, exhaustive national search, led by a fifteen-member search committee. Trustee Jim Kvedaras served as Committee Chair and worked alongside Trustee Anibal Taboas for six months to identify four diverse and qualified finalists. Each candidate participated in a series of virtual meetings and public forums in April.

The level of community engagement during these forums was exceptional and the Board took to heart the feedback provided via surveys during our deliberations.

The Board would like to take this opportunity to thank President Elaine P. Maimon for her leadership over the past thirteen years. She has positioned the university to continue to thrive under Dr. Green's leadership.

A final thank you to the entire GSU community, the Jaguar Nation, for your participation in the presidential search and for all your hard work as the university continues its excellent service to our students and the Southland region.

Be well.

