

GSU Presidential Search Update

April 20, 2020

Dear GSU Community,

Thank you for participating in the presidential search process over the past two weeks. We met four qualified candidates during their virtual visits to GSU and faculty, staff, students and community members attended public forums in satisfying numbers.

The entire Board appreciates the time you took to engage with the candidates and complete the feedback surveys. The Board will take those survey results into serious consideration as we enter this next phase of the search.

On Friday, April 17, the Board of Trustees met and interviewed each candidate. We will meet again on Wednesday, April 22 to deliberate, having taken the time to read the feedback surveys and the strengths/weaknesses report on each candidate by the Presidential Search Committee. We hope to announce our final decision - and introduce GSU's sixth president - at a future Board meeting.

I want to thank Trustees Jim Kvedaras and Anibal Taboas for their work on the Search Committee. Committee Chair Kvedaras, on behalf of himself and Trustee Taboas, has expressed his deep appreciation for all of the efforts of the Search Committee, from the very start last year until the end, with the completion of the Final Report on the finalists' strengths and weaknesses.

The rest of my fellow trustees join me in thanking the entire Search Committee for the dedication of their time and effort, both of which were considerable.

As we work to fulfill the mission of GSU and to support our students, I want to thank the entire GSU community for their resourcefulness, flexibility, and dedication.

Be well.

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