Dear NDSU Campus Community,

As chair of the search committee, I want to bring you up-to-date regarding the progress of the Provost search. On January 30th President Bresciani met with a 14-member search committee and delivered his charges to the Committee which included review and discussion of the draft position description. The President at the meeting also introduced representatives from Parker Executive Search the search firm hired to assist the University in conducting the search. The search firm gave a presentation to the committee detailing their normal process for conducting a search, reviewed the search timeline, and answered questions regarding their role vs the committee’s role regarding the search process. The search committee also discussed the draft position description and the group was given an opportunity to provide feedback including written comments and recommendations for changes. Negotiations then occurred between the University and the search firm regarding finalizing: the logics of the search process, the position description, as well as the position advertisement. This all took some time and resulted in some delays in getting the search started. This has all been settled now, and I am happy to inform you that the Provost position advertisement was officially posted today (February 11th) so we are finally off and running. As of now, the revised search timeline is targeting the weeks of April 27th and May 4th for conducting campus interviews with candidate finalists with names submitted to the President shortly thereafter.

As you know, this is a critical leadership position for NDSU and we will need your help for us to be successful. Therefore, I am asking the entire campus community to help us identify highly qualified candidates for this Provost position. A vital part of any successful search process is ACTIVELY RECRUITING top candidates to the position via a robust broad-based community-wide nomination process. Please help us by NOMINATING and ENCOURAGING OTHERS TO NOMINATE individuals you feel are qualified for the Provost position both internally and externally. Send your nominations to me or other members of the search committee and I will personally contact all nominees and invite them to apply for this important position. Thank you in advance for your help and support regarding this critical search. If we all do this together, we can’t help but be successful!

We have established a webpage at https://www.ndsu.edu/president/about/provostsearch2020/ for the campus to access up-to-date information on the Provost search including postings of the position description, search committee membership, search timeline, and other important information. If you should have any questions or concerns regarding this search process please feel free to contact me and I will do my best to assist you.

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