

To: All Faculty, Students, Administrators, Staff, and Alumni

From: Steven Hayes, Chair of the Board of Trustees

Date: March 30, 2020

RE: Presidential Search

The Presidential Search Committee actively continues the search for a successor for retiring President Charles Flynn. As of the deadline for applications of February 28, the committee had received approximately 80 applications and nominations, including a number of highly qualified individuals. From this group the committee selected eight candidates to interview. We did those interviews on March 28 and 29 by video conference. We are pleased to report that there are several continuing candidates whom we believe would be excellent successors to President Flynn and provide effective leadership in continuing the mission of the College.

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We had originally intended to bring those candidates to the campus this spring in order to meet our students, faculty, staff and administration, as well as trustees and alumni, in order to give all members of the College community the opportunity to have input in the selection of next president. Considering the pandemic, it will be necessary to conduct those on campus meetings early in the fall. We are working with Matt and Kathy at RH Perry (our search consultants) to develop ways to engage the continuing candidates and to get to know them better over the next few months.

We are confident that we will then be able to proceed promptly with the selection of a president and begin the transition to new leadership. In order to assist us in maintaining solid leadership during this period of time, President Flynn has graciously agreed to stay on as president through the end of the Fall semester.

We will of course keep the College community informed about the status of the selection process as it proceeds.

All the best to every member of the College community; please stay safe and healthy.