

Chair's Report

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Hi everyone,

The two things going on right now that are requiring the most attention revolve around the presidential search and the search for our next athletic director.

Presidential Search: The Listening Tour is kicking off today. There are 14 sessions scheduled with a wide variety of stakeholders. Staff have two sessions, one on Belknap and one on the HSC Campus. Both of those are also going to be provided via TEAMS so anyone can attend. In addition, our Executive Committee will have their own session. Information from the various sessions will be utilized in the creation of a leadership statement/job description document and to make informed decisions during the search process. Over the past several years it seems like we are always on the doorstep of a "critical point" in something. The selection of the next president certainly qualifies to be thought of in those terms. I encourage everyone to reach out to me at any time they have something to add to that process. I am on the smaller, decision-making search committee, that will bring a candidate to the BOT for approval. I anticipate this being a very tough search, which is a good thing. The University is in a completely different place than we were 4 years ago. I fully expect this search to yield a stronger and deeper field of candidates than the last one did, making the decision much more complicated. Keeping that in mind though, it only takes one outstanding candidate to make a successful search.

Athletic Director Search: The listening tours for the Athletic Director search have been completed and the smaller decision-making group that will make an announcement when they have reached a decision. As I talked about earlier, I have never seen a University seek the kind of public and internal input for an Athletic Director position before. Like you, I am anxious to learn of the final decision and having our next Athletic Director named.

Construction Update: Andrew, Kevin and I met with Mark Watkins yesterday. Both resident hall projects continue to be on time and on budget. Most of the materials for those are in the area and being stored at a storage facility. That is

important as the Miller Hall project almost got de-railed when some of our needed materials were on a ship in the ocean off a port for two months. That scenario pushed us to within days of scheduled occupancy before things were completed but thankfully, they were completed on time for that. Staffing continues to be a challenge especially for Physical Plant and Public Safety. I asked Mark how far off we were from being competitive salary wise for custodial and other positions. The answer is 2 to 3 dollars per hour. Our benefits are typically stronger and richer than those offered for similar positions in other settings (hotels are our biggest competitors for custodial positions) but people in that salary range are more concerned with making ends meet and income than benefits in most cases.

Meetings Attended:

Thursday, April 7, Tuition and Fees 9:00

Thursday, April 7, FCA, Noon

Friday, April 8, OCM, Noon

Friday, April 8, AD Listening Tour, PNC, 6:00

Monday, April 11, Senator Monday, April 11, Workday Implementation, 9:00

Monday, April 11, Senator Amy Klobuchar, 9:30, Chao Auditorium

Monday, April 11, Mark Watkins, 11:00

Monday, April 11, Foundation Board of Directors, 1:00

Tuesday, April 12, Staff Senate, 2:30

Thursday, April 14, Tuition and Fees, 9:00

Thursday, April 14, FCA, Noon

Friday, April 15, School of Medicine Senate, Noon

Friday, April 15, Budget Office Review, 1:00

Monday, April 18, AD Listening Tour, SAC 116, Noon

Tuesday, April 19, Faculty Staff Senate Chairs Meeting, 1:00

Wednesday, April 20, AD Listening Tour, Kosair Clinical Research Bld, Noon

Thursday, April 21, Tuition and Fees, 9:00

Thursday, April 21, MITC Network Data Center, 9:45

Thursday, April 21, FCA, Noon

Thursday, April 21, Board of Trustees, 1:00

Monday, April 25, Lori Gonzalez, Grawemeyer, 1:00

Tuesday, April 26, Staff Senate EC, 3:00

Thursday, Foundation Board of Directors, 11:00, Cardinal Station

Thursday, April 28, FCA, Noon

Monday, May 2, Workday Implementation, 9:00

Monday, May 2, Resident Access Meeting, 3:00

Tuesday, May 3, CR Staff, 9:30

Tuesday, May 3, Marketing/Assessment, Noon

Wednesday, May 4, Mark Watkins, 11:30

Wednesday, May 4, Belknap Safety Committee, 1:00

Wednesday, May 4, Lori Gonzalez, 5:30

Thursday, May 5, Tuition and Fees, 9:00

Thursday, May 5, SA Marketing Committee, 10:00

Thursday, May 5, FCA, Noon

Monday, May 9, Lori Gonzalez, 11:00

Tuesday, May 10, President Search Tour, Noon to 3:15

Tuesday, May 10, Staff Senate, 2:30