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To: All Faculty

From: Robin Kear, President, University Senate

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Re: Faculty Members on the Chancellor's Search Committee

As I'm sure you have heard, Chancellor Gallagher announced on April 7, 2022 that he will step down as Chancellor during the Summer of 2023. The Board of Trustees is managing the search, which will be chaired by Trustee Eva Blum with Anatha Shekhar, Senior Vice Chancellor of the Health Sciences as the committee's vice chair. As outlined in the Guidelines for Search Committees for Senior Academic Administrators, the Senate is tasked with selecting five faculty members to serve on the search committee. The five faculty are to be distributed across the University with one faculty member coming from each of the following areas: Arts & Sciences, Professional Schools in the Provost's area, School of Medicine, the other Health Science Schools and from the regional campuses.

Time is of the essence for this extremely important search committee. If you are interested in the search committee, please email Senate Director, Lori Molinaro, lam06@pitt.edu. Due to the incredibly short timeline and since it is summer, we would ask you to reach out to your colleagues who may not be in Pittsburgh or receiving communications from Pitt this summer, especially if you think they might be interested in being considered.

Voting will begin on September 6 so we need to hear from interested faculty by **August 22nd**. If you are suggesting yourself, we ask you to include a brief bio of about 100 words with your self-nomination. The Senate nominating committee will review potential candidates and create a slate of candidates to be voted on by the faculty.

Alternatively, candidates can be added to the slate of candidates by petition. Faculty choosing this method must obtain at least 5% of the eligible voting faculty to sign their petition. We shall be announcing the slate of candidates chosen by the nominating committees on August 24 and then give faculty not listed on the slate 10 days to create such petitions before closing the selection process and holding a general election. Electronic balloting will take place beginning on September 6 and will end on September 15.

Due to the importance of the search and the extreme time commitment that will be required any potential candidate who will be on leave from the campus for the coming academic year cannot serve on the search committee.

Please note in the election of Search Committee members, faculty will be allowed to vote only for candidates within their specific schools/units (i.e. Arts & Sciences, Professional Schools, Health Sciences, School of Medicine, Regional Campuses).

Please let us know if you are interested in being part of this profoundly important process.