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To: UMA Community

From: Wick Johnson, Chair, UMA Presidential Search Committee

I am pleased to report that the search for the next president of UMA is making great progress. Our announcement of the position attracted a strong pool of well qualified applicants. The committee met in September and identified candidates for reference checking and initial interviews. We conducted initial interviews with 7 candidates on October 29 and 30 and have now selected candidates to be invited for campus visits. As soon as we have notified the candidates and made arrangements for the visits, we will announce who the finalists are.

The committee looks forward to bringing candidates to campus, and we hope that many members of the faculty, staff, student body and community will participate in that process. The campus visits are a great opportunity to get to know the candidates' strengths, to provide your input and to demonstrate to the candidates why UMA is a great place to be. The campus visits will take place in mid-November, and we will broadly distribute information about the schedule of meetings for each candidate.

I appreciate the commitment of the search committee members who are dedicating great time and thought to the process, and I thank you for your support of this important search to identify the next leader of UMA.