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To: USM community

From: Joe Wishcamper, Trustee
Chair of Presidential Search Committee

I am writing to update you on the final steps of the search for the next president of USM. First, let me thank all those of you who participated in the campus visits for the finalists and especially those who have submitted feedback about the candidates. The strong turnout for the finalist visits showed the candidates the vibrant, engaged community that is USM.

Feedback forms will be accepted until February 15. I urge you to submit your feedback as soon as possible.

On February 15 the search committee will meet to review the feedback, consider all the information about the finalists gathered during the search process, and provide input to Chancellor Pattenau. This is a change from the originally scheduled date. Chancellor Pattenau expects to decide which candidate he will recommend to the Board of Trustees by late February. The Board will then act on the recommendation at the meeting scheduled for March 9 and 10 at USM. This revised timeline is also on the search website.

Thank you for your continued interest in the search process.