

Members of the University community,

The University of Regina began the initial phase of pandemic response under the leadership of past-President Dr. Vianne Timmons, and continues to adapt and advance under the leadership of Interim President Dr. Thomas Chase. The University has been fortunate to have such strong leaders during these uncertain times. I am proud to see our students, faculty, and staff adapting to the evolving challenges, and maintaining their strong commitment to the University of Regina.

Looking ahead, your Board of Governors has a duty to ensure the University remains positioned for continued success. With the future in mind, we have begun our work to support the recruitment of the University of Regina's next president.

The Governance and Nominations Committee of the Board has met several times already this year to prepare for the University's presidential search – and, like you, these Committee members have had to adapt to a new world of virtual meetings and messages, rather than face-to-face conversations. Based on the recommendations of this Committee, the Board of Governors has recently undertaken two key items related to the search process: i) selection of a search consultant and ii) drafting the terms of reference for the presidential search advisory committee.

Following a national request for proposals and competition, the firm Boyden has been selected to assist with the search for the next president of the University of Regina. Boyden brings strong credentials including past successful university presidential and vice-presidential searches, including our current search for a full-term Vice-President (Research). We look forward to working with them on this important undertaking.

In addition, the terms of reference for the presidential search advisory committee will provide the outline and structure for this group and its work. The terms of reference, which will reflect a strong commitment to consultation and follow the principles of equity, diversity and inclusion, will be posted publicly in the near future.

Also in the coming weeks, please watch your inbox for opportunities to provide your personal input into the position profile that will be used to guide the University's presidential search and candidate selection.

The recruitment of the University's next president is work that is important to us all, and as your Board Chair, I am honoured to be part of this work and eager to share information on our progress. I will continue to provide regular updates to you via email and through the soon-to-be-launched Presidential Search web page as the search process unfolds. I appreciate your interest, and your patience, as we strive to continue this important work during these unpredictable times.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to the University of Regina.

Sincerely,

Roger Brandvold  
Chair, University of Regina Board of Governors