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Dear Campus Community,

I am pleased to share an update on the presidential search process as we move forward with this important transition for MCLA. This is a significant moment for the College as we look to identify a leader who will continue advancing MCLA's mission and values.

This week, the MCLA Presidential Search Committee convened for its second meeting to receive updates on the search from our partners at WittKieffer and to continue discussing the input we received from the campus community about what will be needed in our next president. As you know, committee members were selected through a comprehensive and careful process to ensure that we formulated a group that represented the entire MCLA community.

At our meeting, we learned that interest in our position is strong! Our WittKieffer consultants are encouraged by the outpouring of early interest they have received, and they are hard at work screening potential applicants for the Committee's consideration. Everything we know and love about MCLA is well-regarded in the marketplace, and we are confident that we will have a strong pool of exceptional, diverse candidates to interview in the coming weeks. If you know someone who would make a great MCLA president, please email our consultants with their name and contact information at MCLAPresident@wittkieffer.com. It's also important for me to share that our overall search process is also on target to bring a new president to MCLA by the end of the semester.

I also want to thank everyone in our community again for the input you provided about the next MCLA president – through the thirteen listening sessions, the community survey, and through the presidential search email address. Your generous input ensures that the Committee understands your needs and hopes for the future and that we will bring forward a strong set of finalists for the Board's consideration. We look forward to your participation in the search process later this spring when we bring finalists to campus.

I look forward to updating you again soon as we progress through the process. In the meantime, thank you for all you do for MCLA.

Sincerely,
Buffy Lord
Chair, Board of Trustees