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To: Ohlone College Community

From: Mr. Greg Bonaccorsi, Chair, Board of Trustees

Subject: Ohlone College Presidential Search

As you are aware, Dr. Gari Browning has announced her intention to retire next summer. We are deeply grateful to her for her many accomplishments and will miss her leadership. At the same time, we wish her well as she moves on to the next stage of her life. We also know we can count on her to be fully engaged until the day she retires!

I am pleased to inform you that the Board of Trustees has officially announced the search for the next President of Ohlone College. The Board is committed to conducting an equitable, inclusive and transparent national search that will attract a strong pool of outstanding candidates. Your contribution and participation is welcome.

We have selected the Association of Community Colleges (ACCT) to assist us with the president search process. ACCT has conducted over 500 community college executive searches and brings a wealth of information and expertise to our process. The consultant working directly with us will be Dr. Pamela Fisher, a longtime educator who has worked with the Board of Trustees for many years and knows our college well. The Search Committee will be comprised of three trustees and a cross-section of constituents:

Search Committee

- 3 trustees (Bonaccorsi, Warren, & Watters)
- 1 VP (Zingsheim)
- 1 Student Trustee (Black)
- 2 students (To be appointed by the ASOC)
- 5 fulltime faculty (To be appointed by the Faculty Senate)
- 1 academic manager (To be selected by academic managers)
- 1 classified manager (To be selected by classified managers)
- 1 confidential manager (To be selected by confidentials)
- 1 UFO representative (To be selected by the UFO)
- 1 CSEA representative (To be selected by CSEA)
- 1 SEIU representative (To be selected by SEIU)
- 1 Foundation Board member (To be selected by the Foundation Board)

If you are interested in being considered, please contact your constituency leadership.

The Committee will be chaired by Trustee Richard Watters. In March you will have the opportunity to meet the finalists for this position when they visit campus and participate in an open forum. The goal is to announce the new president by early April with a start date of approximately July 1.

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When the planning is completed and the draft profile written, all relevant material will be available for your review on the college website. In the meantime, we would like your input now. By using the following link, you can provide confidential input to the search consultant about your thoughts related to the challenges the college faces and the ideal characteristics of the new president.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ohlone-college-presidential-search>

You also are invited to join Dr. Fisher for an open forum on November 25th at 11:10 am or 12:10 pm in Building 19, Conference Room B. During these forums you can provide even more input and learn more details about the search process. Dr. Fisher also invites you to send her the names of any prospective candidates you recommend she contact directly regarding this professional opportunity. Her contact information is pamilajfisher@gmail.com or 406.570.0516 (cell).

This is an exciting time for Ohlone College. Thank you for taking time to share your thoughts and ideas and for all that you do for our students.

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