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**Email sent on behalf of Kevan Sumner, Chair, Board of Governors and Chair, Presidential Search Committee**

**Subject: Launch of Presidential Search**

As Chair of the Search Committee for the next President, I am pleased to share information on our approach and timeline for the Search.

To ensure we find the right candidate, we will put in place a consultative and open search process with milestones over the next several months. We have also engaged [Dr. Jennie Massey from KBRS](#) as a consultant to support the process. KBRS Executive Search brings one of the largest teams in the country dedicated to the sector.

The Search Committee's mandate is to conduct a broad, fair, and effective recruitment process to attract a strong field of candidates and to provide advice on a preferred candidate to the University Board for final approval. We will share public information about the search process with you in a planned manner that informs and encourages participation. We want to establish the consultative and open approach to the search early and, as we proceed, provide timely updates to keep you informed.

A Presidential Search Committee has been formed per the [Presidential Search Committee policy](#); a membership list is attached for your information. Our first meeting is scheduled for next week. I am committed to providing regular updates on our process to the BU Community as we progress. After our first meeting, I will provide more details about our timeline to place the next President for a start date in January 2026, our community consultation process, and the next steps in our timeline. We've also created a webpage to keep you informed: [www.brandonu.ca/presidential-search](http://www.brandonu.ca/presidential-search).

This is an important search that will contribute significantly to the continued advancement of Brandon University. I hope you will share your experience, expertise, and perspective during the process and help to create a positive environment for the next President to begin their appointment.

Best

Kevan Sumner