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Sent on behalf of Kevan Sumner, Chair, Brandon University Board of Governors

Dear BU Community,

As you are aware, Dr. David Docherty has announced that he will be retiring from his role as President & Vice-Chancellor in early 2026. As such, a search for Brandon University's next President and Vice-Chancellor will soon be underway.

As the Chair of the Board of Governors and the Presidential Search Committee, I am reaching out to the university community to provide an update on the Presidential Search, as follows:

- Efforts have begun to populate a Presidential Search Committee in accordance with the Presidential Search Policy. The policy was revised on September 21, 2024 and can be found on the BU website at the following link:
<https://www.brandonu.ca/governors/files/Presidential-Search-Policy.pdf>
- An executive search firm is being sought and a Request for Proposals (RFP) has been publicly issued. The successful firm will be selected upon review and evaluation by the Human Resources Committee of the Board.
- The appointments and election processes per 4.5.2 of the Presidential Search Policy will take place over the coming weeks.
- A BU Presidential Search webpage will be developed and published once the search is underway.

Selecting a President is an important decision. As the search gets underway, you will receive invitations for opportunities to participate in the consultation phase. This may include tools such as surveys and town halls to ensure all interested parties have the opportunity to provide guidance and feel welcome doing so. Your thoughts, insight, and aspirations for the next President are encouraged, which will be valuable and will aid in establishing the qualifications, qualities, and attributes required of a President.

I am committed to providing regular progress updates on this search and I look forward to engaging with you in the coming months as we seek Brandon University's next President and Vice-Chancellor

Sincerely,

Kevan Sumner



Chair, Board of Governors



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