

TO: Members of the Brite Divinity School Community

FROM: Rev. Virzola Law, Vice-Chair of the Board of Trustees and Chair of the Presidential Search Committee

SUBJECT: Brite Divinity School Presidential Search Update

DATE: May 16, 2023

As the Presidential Search Committee begins its work, I am pleased to offer this update regarding our shared efforts to identify the next president of Brite Divinity School.

An inclusive Presidential Search Committee composed of seven members has been identified to represent the School's multiple constituencies in the search. The committee includes faculty, staff, alumni/ae, and the Board of Trustees representatives. Kathleen Winter, Assistant to the President, will provide staff support. The members, beyond myself, include:

Monica Bradley
Staff

Charles Johnson
Trustee

Janet Long
Trustee

Barbara McClure
Faculty

Stuart McDonald
Chair, Board of Trustees

Lance Pape
Faculty

Storbeck Search, a nationally known and highly respected executive search firm, has been retained to assist the School in the search. Managing Director Julie Tea and Senior Associates Kate Phillips and Julie Williams-Krishnan are facilitating the search process. They are working with the search committee to build and vet a strong and diverse candidate pool and will assist the committee in making its recommendation to the Board of Trustees.

The search committee met formally last week for its inaugural meeting during which the group received its charge from the Board of Trustees, discussed operating procedures, and outlined a timeline for the search.

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The Storbeck Search team will be engaging Brite community members this week and next in several virtual exploratory conversations. The consultants will be seeking from all Brite constituents your thoughts on the challenges and opportunities for new leadership and the skill sets and personal attributes most highly desired in the candidate of choice. Kathleen Winter is making those arrangements and can be contacted at k.winter@tcu.edu with any questions.

An electronic stakeholder survey is also being made available for community members to share their thoughts. The survey is available at www.surveymonkey.com/r/BriteDivinityPresidentialSearchSurvey. Please feel free to access the link and complete the survey through **Wednesday, May 31**. Please also share the link with others who have an interest in the School's future.

Thank you in advance for your willingness to participate in these important exchanges about Brite's next chapter. We are eager to hear your perspectives.

Having gathered information from across the campus and via the survey, our consulting team will then compile a draft of the search prospectus, an important document that will describe the School as well as the leadership agenda for the next president. Our consultants will share it with the search committee for editing and revision before it is distributed to the School community and beyond to garner nominations and expressions of interest.

The plan is for the Board of Trustees to elect a president in the late months of 2023. The next President is expected to assume office in 2024.

The process is off to a good start. I will share additional information with you as we enter subsequent stages of the process. Thank you for your support.