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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: October 9, 2023

I offer this update on behalf of the Presidential Search Committee. I am pleased to report that the search continues to progress well and on schedule.

The search committee recently met with a small group of leading candidates for the presidency. From that group the committee is excited that an exceptional slate of finalists has emerged.

As I and our consultants indicated might be the case, the need for ongoing confidentiality in our process remains a top priority for these advanced candidates. We know this continues to be a need among candidates across higher education. While many institutions choose to conduct their entire presidential search as a closed process, others, like Brite want to ensure appropriate opportunities for constituent groups to engage confidentially with the candidates and provide feedback to the committee. Please be assured that we are identifying these opportunities for members of our community, beyond the search committee membership, to be engaged in the next stage of candidate evaluation. These individuals will help to shape the consideration of the finalists, while still meeting the privacy wishes of our distinguished group.

Thank you for your continued interest and support. I will provide additional updates shortly.

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