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Board Chair Launches Advisory Search Committee for President

Perrett Laver awarded executive search contract

I am pleased to announce that an international search for the University of Alberta's 13th president is now launched. We are in a critical moment in the history of the University, city, province, and country, and our next president will need to have the vision, skills, and attributes to continue our momentum with the University of Alberta's change agenda, build on our strengths, and propel us into the top tier of global public universities.

The search for the next president will take eight to ten months with the expectation that he or she will assume the role on July 1, 2015. To undertake this task, an advisory search committee has been struck in accordance with University policies and procedures. The Committee consists of 15 individuals selected from the U of A's main constituent groups, including students, staff, faculty, alumni, and board. I am privileged to chair this group of dedicated individuals who are charged with the important responsibility of searching and screening for, and finally, recommending a presidential candidate to the Board Human Resources and Compensation Committee. The full Board of Governors is responsible for making the final appointment.

The Advisory Search Committee's first task is to develop a consultation process through which we can reach out to members of the University's internal and external communities to determine the qualities and attributes needed in our next president.

We have also retained the services of a leading global executive search firm following a competitive bid process. With extensive experience in conducting searches of this magnitude, Perrett Laver will support the work of the Advisory Search Committee and will help to secure potential candidates for our consideration.

Detailed information about both the Advisory Search Committee and Perrett Laver's team is now available on a new Presidential Search and Transition website (<http://uofa.ualberta.ca/presidential-search>). This website will be updated regularly as the presidential search and transition unfolds. It will also be the site of any online consultation undertaken by the Advisory Search Committee. I invite you to visit the website often to remain informed.

I am confident that we have the people, the process, and the tools in place to allow us to find the next president, and I look forward to working together to identify and recruit the right individual to lead the U of A into the next decade.

Doug Goss, Q.C., AOE
Chair of the University of Alberta Board of Governors