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**Board Chair provides an update regarding the work of the Advisory Search Committee for President**

As I announced last month, we have launched the international search for the University of Alberta's 13<sup>th</sup> President. I am excited to be working with a very engaged committee, and we are making good progress. I thought I would provide you with a brief update regarding our work thus far:

- March 17 – First Committee meeting -- we reviewed the overall process, received information relating to the search, and identified the timeline and steps we plan to follow over the coming months.
- During the week of March 17 – 20<sup>th</sup>, our executive search firm, Perrett Laver, met with more than 20 key stakeholder groups and many individuals, both internal and external to our campus community, about the search. Perrett Laver received input from the community on the key issues and our current context, and through a series of questions and discussions, received a high-level overview on the University and created the foundation for advancing the search.
- April 14 – The Committee met for the second time and reviewed information received from Perrett Laver, and members shared information received from their representative areas. The Committee invited President Samarasekera for a discussion about the role of the University of Alberta President. The Committee also provided input into the draft position profile. The Committee is now seeking the community's input, advice, and feedback on the draft position profile. Please take a moment to review and provide your feedback on the profile (see: <http://uofa.ualberta.ca/presidential-search/position-profile>).
- In May, the search will move into the next phase, and the advertisement for the new President will be placed. More information on this will be provided closer to launch of the media placement.

As mentioned previously, information about the Advisory Search Committee is available on the Presidential Search and Transition website (<http://uofa.ualberta.ca/presidential-search>). This website is updated as the Presidential search and transition unfolds. Please continue to visit the website to stay informed.

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