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## OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR

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To the UMB Community:

I'm pleased to announce that the USM Board of Regents has approved the UMB presidential search process and committee. Given the need for stable leadership during this period of unprecedented uncertainty, the University System is initiating an expedited search, and we expect to make an announcement by the beginning of the fall semester.

Isaacson, Miller—one of the nation's most respected executive search firms—will conduct the search. The firm will consult with the university community and other stakeholders to determine the experience, skills, and attributes UMB needs in its president, develop a leadership profile based on that feedback, and identify top candidates across the country whose abilities and qualities best serve a university of UMB's caliber and reputation.

The search committee will evaluate the candidates and forward a recommendation to the Board of Regents and to me. I thank the committee members for their eagerness to serve:

- **William Wood**, *search committee chair*—regent, University System of Maryland
- **Barry Gossett**—regent, University System of Maryland
- **Michelle Gourdine**—regent, University System of Maryland
- **Robert Rauch**—regent, University System of Maryland
- **Natalie Eddington**—dean, University of Maryland School of Pharmacy
- **Jane Kirschling**—dean, University of Maryland School of Nursing
- **Robert Ernst**—professor and vice chair, Department of Microbial Pathogenesis, University of Maryland School of Dentistry
- **Megan Meyer**—associate professor, University of Maryland School of Social Work
- **Donna Parker**—associate professor and senior associate dean for undergraduate medical education, University of Maryland School of Medicine
- **Virginia Rowthorn**—executive director, UMB Center for Global Education Initiatives, and senior lecturer, Law and Health Care Program, University of Maryland Carey School of Law
- **Nivedita Hegdekar**—president, UMB University Student Government Association
- **Kristy Novak**—president, UMB Staff Senate
- **Joshua Abzug**—president, UMB Faculty Senate
- **Luke Cooper**—board member, UMB Foundation

- **Mohan Suntha**—president and CEO, University of Maryland Medical System
- **Joann Boughman**—senior vice chancellor for academic affairs, University System of Maryland

You'll receive information shortly regarding how you can contribute to the search. Isaacson, Miller will unveil a website with information about the process, as well as links through which you can submit comments and suggestions. UMB town halls—held virtually until social distancing restrictions ease—will help the firm narrow its search.

While presidential searches can last as long as 12 months, I believe it's vital that UMB has a permanent leader installed as quickly as is possible. The university has been pivotal to the state's and the nation's COVID-19 response, and the University System is reliant upon UMB's deep expertise and international renown. Stability will only help UMB continue its indispensable leadership and service.

I thank UMB Interim President Bruce Jarrell for ensuring UMB's abiding excellence, and I look forward to the important work ahead.

Sincerely,



Jay A. Perman  
Chancellor