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To: UW System Colleagues

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Re: Priority Issues and Qualities Sought in the Next UW System President

As the UW System Presidential Search Committee begins the important responsibility of selecting the next UW System President, it is critically important to us that you have the opportunity to share what you view as priority issues for the UW System and the qualities and characteristics sought in the next UW System President.

We have created an [online comment](#) webpage on the Presidential Search [website](#) where you are invited to share perspectives. This input is vital as we pursue our goal of finding a dynamic new leader for the University of Wisconsin System.

We will also host two video listening sessions on Thursday, December 19 at 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Register [here](#) for the events.

To frame and guide these engagements, I am including a set of questions that I ask you think about:

- *What are the key challenges and opportunities facing the UW System over the next five to ten years? What particular characteristics and attributes would help the successful candidate address these issues?*
- *What specific role and specific priorities should we expect the new President to carry forward with respect to that future agenda?*
- *What are the characteristics, skills, and experiences we should be seeking in the search for the new President? Which characteristics are required and which would be nice to have? Which are the most important or essential?*
- *What are the top three to five attributes of the UW System that should be exciting to candidates? More generally, why should candidates be excited about coming to UW System?*

We look forward to hearing your thoughts and insights. Thank you in advance for participating and helping the Committee drive towards a successful result.

Cc: UW System Presidential Search Committee
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