

## Presidential Search

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Greetings from the Council of Graduate Students,

Firstly, I want to thank each one of you for your application to serve on the Presidential Search Committee. We have received well over 100 applications so we do appreciate your patience in giving us time to organize and prepare the applications as they have come in.

The Council of Graduate Students Executive Board will use this summer to review all of our applications. We will make our selection based on a blind application (applications without names) using a core criteria matrix that will evaluate each category as equally and consistently as possible.

Due to the volume of applications, we will not be able to respond directly to inquiries on the individual status of an application. However, we will notify our finalists for scheduling interviews as we near the completion of our review.

Before we make our final selections, we are also waiting on the Board of Trustees to confirm the ultimate structure of the presidential search. Once we have confirmed what COGS representation will consist of at the Board we will be able to make our final decisions on how the COGS graduate student committee will be comprised. We are committed to having a diverse, representative population on the graduate student committee to ensure we are able to maximize our contribution to the search and ultimate selection of our next president.

While this has been a difficult and challenging time for Michigan State University and all those affected, your leadership and dedication to this institution, your fellow students, and the greater community as a whole is truly inspiring to show we are Spartans who will!

Although we are not able to select all of you for our search committee, I want to take a moment to invite you to participate in COGS in other ways as well. We have many great opportunities for involvement. If you are interested, please do not hesitate to contact us: [office@cogs.msu.edu](mailto:office@cogs.msu.edu); [president@cogs.msu.edu](mailto:president@cogs.msu.edu) or visit our webpage [www.cogs.msu.edu](http://www.cogs.msu.edu).

Finally, in transparency, we have created a website tab dedicated to the presidential search we will use to update the graduate school community on the progress as best as we are able.

We sincerely appreciate your leadership and willingness to serve and look forward to working with you all in the future.

Sincerely,

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