



Board of Trustees
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August 25, 2009

Dear Campus Community:

As chair of the Board of Trustees, I am pleased to announce the creation of the Presidential Transition Advisory Committee (PTAC). The Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees voted to create the PTAC to ensure that all Gallaudet stakeholders are able to participate in the upcoming presidential transition process.

The PTAC will serve three purposes. They are:

1. Efficiently orient the new president of Gallaudet to the campus;
2. Generate support for the new president of Gallaudet among all stakeholders through a sense of participation; and
3. Ensure an orderly beginning for the new administration.

The PTAC will consist of the following members:

Board of Trustees: 2

Faculty: 2

Administration: 2

Staff: 1

Graduate students: 1

Undergraduate students: 1

Clerc Center: 1

Alumni: 1

Each constituency should nominate two (2) individuals for each opening, listed in an unranked manner. The board will select from the nominees, with the expectation that the group will be diverse in every respect.

The names should be sent to board liaison Deborah DeStefano no later than Friday, September 18. The board will announce the composition of the PTAC on or about Friday, September 25, with the understanding that it will have its initial meeting to discuss its work prior to the regular Board of Trustees meeting in October. The PTAC is expected to be ready to congratulate the new president as soon as a selection is announced by the board, and to begin working with the new president in advance of the individual's arrival and to orient him or her to campus.

We look forward to working together with all stakeholders of Gallaudet University on this important transition. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Benjamin J. Soukup
Chair