MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 27, 2021
FROM: Bill Scott, Texas State University System Regent (Search Co-Chair)
       David Montagne, Texas State University System Regent (Search Co-Chair)
       John Hayek, Vice Chancellor of Academic and Health Affairs
TO: Lamar University Campus Community
Re: LU Presidential Search Update – May 2021

The following is a brief update on the LU presidential search:

- The search is continuing as planned and on schedule, with a sole finalist likely being selected and named by the Chancellor in June 2021.

- There has been strong national interest in the position, with nearly 400 professionals contacted over the past several months, including university Presidents, Chief Academic Officers, Academic Deans, and many other senior academic leaders.

- During mid-May, the Advisory Search Committee met for the second time to begin reviewing candidates and narrowing the pool to roughly a dozen individuals.

- Earlier this week, the Advisory Search Committee met for the final time to interview candidates and narrow the pool to a small number of finalists who were recommended to the Chancellor for his consideration.

- During early June, additional due diligence will be conducted on the finalists and the Chancellor will also interview them.

- A sole finalist will be selected by the Chancellor and will be publicly announced in June 2021. After the public announcement, by state law there is a 21-day waiting period before Board approval.

- During the waiting period, the individual will be introduced to the campus community through a schedule of open forums and meetings with key stakeholders, including faculty, staff, students, and community members.

Additional updates will be posted to the LU presidential search web site as they become available.