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To: The College of Staten Island Community

From: Trustee Michael Arvanites *MA*
Chair, College of Staten Island Presidential Search Committee

Subject: President Search Progress Report

A nationwide search for the individual who will be the next President of the College of Staten Island (CSI) is underway. Advertisements for the position will appear in: *Chronicle of Higher Education*, *The New York Times*, *Diverse: Issues in Higher Education*, *EdSurge*, *HigherEdobs.com*, *Hispanic Outlook*, *Inside Higher Ed*, *Journal of Blacks in Higher Education*, *The Staten Island Advance*, *Women in Higher Education* and other outlets.

The University has retained the search firm WittKieffer to assist our Search Committee. Werner Boel, Amy Crutchfield and Melody Rose are working with us on this effort and will help to recruit highly qualified candidates who may not respond to advertisements because they are either not actively seeking a new job, or they are concerned about confidentiality. They are working on developing a leadership profile for the search based on conversations we have had with various CSI constituent groups. We are confident that the College will attract a highly qualified pool of individuals.

The CSI community was afforded the opportunity to participate in the process through a survey in addition to the stakeholder meetings. The Committee is committed to conducting the broadest possible national search for a candidate of exceptional quality. Committee members have pledged total confidentiality, consistent with the paramount need to protect the confidentiality of the individuals involved. The CSI community is invited to nominate individuals for the position by emailing CSIPresident@wittkieffer.com.

On behalf of the Search Committee, I want to thank those of you who already have contributed to the search process with your time and your advice.

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