

Dear Friends:

The University of Massachusetts Medical School Chancellor Search is well under way.

The 23-member search committee established by the University has held two meetings at the Medical School and is focused on the task of identifying outstanding candidates for this most important position. The committee has retained Isaacson, Miller of Boston, one of the country's preeminent higher-education executive-recruitment firms, to help guide the process.

I believe that the University has done a remarkable job in assembling a search committee that is truly representative of the Medical School and of the broader community, and I also believe that it is important to create opportunities for you to offer your thoughts about the Medical School and about future leadership.

To that end, the committee will be holding a series of input meetings on June 16, 2008. These public input sessions are of vital importance and will help to inform and guide the search process. I hope that you will be able to participate. (See schedule below.)

The University has also established a web site, <http://www.massachusetts.edu/search>, that provides background information on the search and also provides a mechanism for communicating with the search committee. Please be assured that every thought, every perspective, every opinion will be taken into consideration and will assist the committee as it works to meet its responsibility by providing President Wilson with a slate of finalist candidates.

This committee is committed to conducting an open, thorough and comprehensive search. I am confident that this effort will ultimately culminate in the selection of a permanent Chancellor who will have the ability to help lead an already outstanding public medical school to new levels of accomplishment and greatness. The University of Massachusetts system and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts look at UMMS with understandable and justifiable pride. The Medical School truly is emblematic of the public sector at its best, and with your help and involvement, this search will measure up to the very high standards that are characteristic of this campus.

Sincerely,

Philip W. Johnston  
Chairman

**Chancellor's Search  
Campus Input Meeting Schedule  
Monday, June 16, 2008**

**8:30 to 9:30 a.m.**

Dean's Senior Advisors and Direct Reports  
Faculty Conference Room  
Worcester Campus

**9:45 to 10:45 a.m.**

Open meetings for Faculty, Staff and Students  
Faculty: Faculty Conference Room  
Staff: EndoSurgery Conference Room (H1-776)  
Students: S2-321

**11:00 a.m. to 12 p.m.**

Representatives of on-campus governance groups:  
FC, SC, EPC, Student Council  
Faculty Conference Room

**12:15 p.m. to 1:15 p.m.**

Terry Flotte, Bob Jenal and Tom Manning  
Faculty Conference Room

**1:30 to 2:30 p.m.**

Chancellor's Executive Staff/Operations Group  
Faculty Conference Room

**2:45 to 3:45 p.m.**

Basic Science & Clinical Chairs  
Faculty Conference Room

**4:00 to 5:00 p.m.**

Open forum - faculty, staff, students, alumni, community  
Faculty Conference Room

For more information on the search process, please visit the search  
website at [www.massachusetts.edu/search](http://www.massachusetts.edu/search)

(Please note -- there is an electronic input form online.)