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Dear Colleagues:

A national search for the next president of The Graduate Center of The City University of New York has begun.

The Graduate Center is a leader in public graduate education devoted to enhancing the public good through pioneering research, serious learning and reasoned debate. The Graduate Center offers ambitious students more than 40 doctoral and master's programs of the highest caliber, taught by top faculty from throughout CUNY.

Through its nearly 40 centers, institutes, initiatives and the Advanced Science Research Center (ASRC), The Graduate Center influences public policy and discourse, and shapes innovation by promoting interdisciplinary research, facilitating collaboration and supporting students, postdoctoral appointments and visiting scholars. Its extensive public programs make it a home for culture and conversation.

The Graduate Center's University Center also provides an administrative home for five University programs: the CUNY Baccalaureate for Unique and Interdisciplinary Studies; the CUNY School of Professional Studies; the CUNY School of Labor and Urban Studies; the Craig Newmark Graduate School of Journalism at CUNY; and Macaulay Honors College.

The confirmed members of The Graduate Center Presidential Search committee to date are:

- Honorable Jill O'Donnell-Tormey, Committee Chair, Member, CUNY Board of Trustees
- Honorable Michael Arvanites, Member, CUNY Board of Trustees
- Honorable Henry Berger, Member, CUNY Board of Trustees
- Ms. Michelle Anderson, Esq., President, Brooklyn College
- Dr. Herman Bennett, Professor, History and Humanities / The Graduate Center
- Dr. Jeff Maskovsky, Professor, Anthropology / The Graduate Center
- Dr. Brian Gibney, Associate Professor, Chemistry and Biochemistry / The Graduate Center
- Dr. Ofelia García, Professor Emerita, Urban Education and Latin American, Iberian and Latino Cultures / The Graduate Center
- Mr. Roderick Hurley, Student Representative, The Graduate Center
- Mr. Raj Korpan, Student Representative, The Graduate Center
- Ms. Alison Parks, Student Representative, The Graduate Center (through 5/31/19)
- Ms. Maite Junco, Vice Chancellor for Communications & Marketing / CUNY

The committee is being assisted by the search firm Isaacson, Miller. Some members of the search committee, including the Chair –Trustee O'Donnell-Tormey–, Trustees Arvanites and Berger and the search consultants Sheryl Ash and David Ferguson, were on campus on Tuesday, May 28, and met with various representatives from across the institution. Their goal is to become deeply informed about The Graduate Center's culture, strengths, priorities and opportunities, which will assist the committee in establishing the criteria for candidates.

To assist with this effort, an electronic survey – <https://www.research.net/r/CUNYgradcenter> – has been developed through which the Graduate Center community can submit its input and recommend candidates for the committee's consideration.

Ms. Kimberly Brown McBryan, special projects manager in The Graduate Center President's office (Kmcbryan@gc.cuny.edu / 212-817-7102), is serving as the search liaison and will be distributing the survey to the college community.

Thank you in advance for your thoughtful participation in this search. This is an exciting moment in the history of The Graduate Center. We are grateful for your time and support as we set out to identify the next president, who will continue to move the institution to even greater success.

Sincerely,



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