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DATE: March 11, 2024  
TO: NMSU Community  
FROM: Ammu Devasthali, Chair, Board of Regents  
SUBJECT: NMSU president search next steps

Today in our regular meeting, the Board of Regents voted unanimously to launch a new search for the New Mexico State University system's next president and to hire a new interim president while that search is underway. After careful consideration, I do not believe that any of the current finalists fully meet the needs of New Mexico State University at this critical juncture. Finding the right leader is paramount. While the presented candidates possess impressive qualifications and are assets to their respective institutions, we have yet to see the next leader of our university.

The presidential search committee has worked extremely hard to bring forward the best candidates from the pool, and we appreciate their efforts. The motion today does not reflect the committee's valuable contributions. The regents have also diligently evaluated the finalists in the past weeks, setting ambitious schedules to complete reviews.

As we look to the next steps for this process, I want to also thank our interim president, Jay Gogue, who will continue to guide our progress through June.

Our new search process will be an open and transparent dialogue. NMSU's most important mission is the success of our students, and that mission will continue to shape our priorities as we seek the right leader for our university system. We will provide an update soon about the timeline for the search process and our plans for interim leadership.

Thank you,

*Ammu Devasthali*