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Memorandum to: Governing Council
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President, University of Toronto Alumni Association

From: Anna Kennedy
Chair of the Presidential Search Committee and Chair of the
Governing Council

Date: September 3, 2024

Re: **Reminder - Consultations**

The [Presidential Search Committee](#) has been busily engaged these last few months in consultations with members of the University community and beyond. The input and advice received to date has been very valuable, with a number of consistent themes emerging across all stakeholder groups.

As we start this new academic year, a reminder about the upcoming **virtual Listening Sessions**. The dates and times for these are as follows:

- **Wednesday, September 4** from **10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**
- **Thursday, September 12** from **1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.**
- **Tuesday, September 17** from **4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.**

If you are interested in providing your input at one of these Listening Sessions, please register using the [online forms available on the Consultations webpage](#) (registration is required). All participants are asked to review in advance the [Protocol for Virtual Listening Sessions](#).

The Committee is seeking input and advice on:

- the principal strengths upon which the University should build over the next five to ten years;
- the principal challenges that the University will face in that period;
- the implications of those strengths and challenges for the new President, in two senses:
 - the President's specific personal priorities in the near and long-term, and
 - the specific priorities the President should ensure are achieved by others in the University community; and
- the key strengths and characteristics the Committee should therefore be seeking in a new President.

Please come prepared to provide your input on these questions.

Comments may also be submitted using the [online consultation form](#). The form will be open until **5:00 p.m. on Friday, September 27**. Submissions will be treated as confidential to the Search Committee.

Information about the Presidential Search can be found on the Search [webpage](#). Questions may be directed to presidentalsearch@utoronto.ca.

Thank you again for your interest in this important process.