



President's Office

Letters to the UMB Community

UMB Leadership Updates

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Dear Colleagues,

I want to share a few updates regarding University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB) leadership.

After input from stakeholder groups, the Vice President/Chief Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Officer (CDEIO) search committee has finalized the [position profile survey](#) and continues its work to fill the position. As of now, UMB is on track in seeking candidates and scheduling interviews. The search committee, co-chaired by Jane M. Kirschling, PhD, RN, FAAN, dean of the School of Nursing, and Dawn M. Rhodes, MBA, chief business and finance officer and vice president, expects to have narrowed the candidate pool in mid-December, followed by interviews with finalists. I hope to announce our new CDEIO no later than March.

A national search will be conducted in 2021 for a provost. Roger J. Ward, EdD, JD, MSL, MPA, interim provost, executive vice president, and dean of the Graduate School, will continue to serve as Interim Provost until a new provost is named. We are waiting until the spring strategic planning process is well underway before conducting this important search.

In addition, I expect to launch searches for a Chief Philanthropy Officer and a Chief of Police in the next calendar year. James L. Hughes, MBA senior vice president and chief enterprise and economic development officer, interim chief philanthropy officer, and interim president of the UMB Foundation, Inc., and Thomas Leone, interim chief of police, will continue to serve in their interim positions until the searches are complete.

I want to thank Dr. Ward, Mr. Hughes, and Chief Leone for their continued support during this time.

Sincerely,

Bruce E. Jarrell, MD, FACS
President

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