



The University of Oklahoma

OFFICE OF THE STUDENT PRESIDENT

To the Board of Regents:

This evening, as you consider a possible interim President, I implore you to recognize the thoughts, sentiments, and concerns of the OU Community. Over the course of this past year, President Gallogly's tenure has been fraught with mistrust from beginning to end. Throughout his short time as President, it is undeniable that even his greatest accomplishments were overshadowed by the lack of community public in his selection.

The role of a university— to pursue academic endeavors, is informed by the ability to vigorously consider and learn from all perspectives regarding any given subject or idea. This includes learning mistakes, even those rooted in what one considered to be the best judgement at the time.

The primary mistake, as most student leaders contend, is the lack of information received about the candidates for president before and during the previous presidential search process. I implore you all to learn from this, and consider a broad range of thoughts by creating an open search process for the next process. This same line of thinking should be upheld when selecting an interim president. Taking this into account, tonight's meeting, which is solely an executive session, removes our right as a community to ask questions.

Since this option is unavailable to us, I respectfully ask the Board of Regents to consider all options as possible appointments to interim president. There are some who disagree with the appointment of Provost to interim president. We hear those voices and encourage the Regents to consider all opinions of a possible appointment of an interim president.

We, as a student body, as a community, want the best for our great university even if it means looking outside the formal requirements set out by the Regent's policy. I hope you consider this letter as you equally consider the thoughts of all parties involved.

The power to remedy this situation by listening to and learning from the perspectives of students, faculty, and staff is in your hands. We are waiting, and we are looking forward to the prospect of a transparent process going forward.

Please forward any questions, thoughts or concerns to sgapres@ou.edu

Sincerely,

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