

Update to Senates and Board:

Dear Colleagues,

We hope everyone is doing well. We wanted to provide a brief update from our search partners at Boyden regarding the President & Vice-Chancellor search process, please see below:

We continue to make strong progress in the market and have seen meaningful engagement from a diverse and highly qualified pool of candidates across Canada and to a degree internationally. Outreach efforts have generated interest from senior academic leaders with experience spanning research-intensive universities, government relations, strategic transformation, student experience, and institutional advancement.

Over the past several weeks, we have continued active recruitment conversations and candidate assessments, with particular focus on individuals whose backgrounds align with the University of New Brunswick's strategic priorities, bicampus environment, commitment to research and innovation, and strong regional and community impact.

Several themes are emerging consistently through our discussions with prospective candidates, including:

- *The strength and reputation of UNB's academic and research profile;*
- *The institution's long-standing contribution to New Brunswick and Atlantic Canada;*
- *Opportunities related to enrolment growth, research expansion, and partnerships;*
- *The importance of visible, relationship-oriented leadership capable of engaging effectively with faculty, students, government, Indigenous communities, alumni, and external partners.*

At this stage, we remain on track with the anticipated timeline and expect to move into the next phase of candidate evaluation and refinement shortly. We will continue to keep the Committee and Board informed as the search progresses and will provide additional updates in advance of the next formal checkpoint.

We also wanted to note, that should there be any degree of interest from those within the UNB community, we would encourage you to reach out to our search partners, Michelle Richard and Collin Ritch, at critch@boyden.com.

Thank you again for your engagement and support throughout the process.