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To the College Community,

As you know, we are currently conducting a search for a new Vice President for College Advancement to succeed Michael Catillaz, who will be retiring at the end of May. Provost Carol Long, who chairs the search, has shared the names of the committee members with the College community in a previous email, and we have secured the services of two experienced consultants, Tom Courtice, President Emeritus of Ohio Wesleyan University, and Judith Ward, who has extensive experience in advancement and foundation work at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

The committee has begun their work and will approve a position profile for the search next week. That, in turn, will drive the recruitment and evaluation of candidates. The schedule for the search calls for the selection of semi-finalists in late June. "Neutral site" interviews for the semifinalists will be held in mid July, with campus visits for a small number of finalists scheduled for the week of July 23 to 30. I hope to be able to announce the appointment of a new Vice President in the middle of August, with an effective appointment date shortly thereafter.

Between Mike Catillaz's departure and the arrival of a new vice-president, I have asked Debbie Hill '76, Assistant Vice President for Advancement, to serve as Interim Vice President. She will begin her duties on May 1. A member of our advancement team since 1986, Debbie has served as Executive Director of Alumni and Parent Relations and currently heads up our planned giving program. Not only does she bring a wealth of experience to the interim post, but she has also provided interim leadership in Advancement in the past, serving as interim vice-president in 2006-07. I am delighted she has agreed to serve, and I know that her colleagues in advancement and her many friends among alumni and community members will enjoy working with her as well. I am confident that we will be able to maintain the forward momentum in advancement achieved under Mike's leadership, and I look forward to working with Debbie and her colleagues as we move to complete the College's capital campaign and continue our successful advancement programming over the summer.

Please give Debbie your support and congratulate her on her forthcoming appointment.

All best wishes,

Christopher C. Dahl  
President