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**To:** The Herbert H. Lehman College Community

**From:** Trustee Fernando Ferrer *FF*  
Chair, Lehman College Presidential Search Committee

**Subject:** Presidential Search Progress Report #1

A nationwide search for the individual who will be the next President of Lehman College is well underway. [Advertisements](#) for the position appeared in *The New York Times*, *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, *Inside Higher Education*, *Women in Higher Education*, *Asians in Higher Education*, *Journal of Blacks in Higher Education*, *Hispanic Outlook*, *Diverse Issues in Higher Education* and other media outlets.

The University has retained the search firm Witt/Kieffer to assist our Search Committee. Three members of the Witt/Kieffer team – Lucy Leske, Christine Pendleton and Philip Tang - are working with us on this effort and will help to recruit highly qualified candidates who do not respond to advertisements because they are not actively seeking a new job and they need to be encouraged to apply. We have developed a [leadership profile](#) for the search. We are confident that Lehman College will attract a highly qualified pool of individuals.

The Presidential Search Committee is committed to conducting the broadest possible national search for a candidate of exceptional quality. The college community was afforded the opportunity to participate in the process through a survey and a series of stakeholder meetings. The Presidential Search Committee has pledged total confidentiality, consistent with the paramount need to protect the confidentiality of the individuals involved.

On behalf of the Search Committee, I want to thank those of you who already have contributed to the search process with your time and your advice.

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