

## OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR

March 6, 2019

Dear friends and colleagues,

As you know, Wallace Loh will be retiring as President of the University of Maryland, College Park (UMCP) at the end of the 2019-2020 academic year.

Maryland's flagship campus has prospered under Dr. Loh's leadership for more than eight years, rising in national rankings, increasing enrollment, championing diversity, and expanding its research enterprise. I congratulate him on his achievements and thank him for his service to the university and the state. During his final 16 months in office, I'm confident that Dr. Loh will continue to provide strong leadership to the campus as the University System of Maryland Board of Regents oversees a search for his successor.

The search for the next president, which is expected to take up to a year or more, will be critically important to the future of both the institution and the entire state. The search process began with the appointment of UMCP alumnus Gary Attman to chair the presidential search and screening committee.

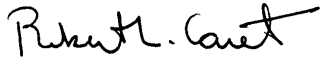
In the coming months, we will retain an executive search firm and appoint members of the committee, which will be representative of the university community, including students, faculty, staff, alumni, and the broader UMCP community. As we have said, the board is determined to take the time necessary to identify and select the right leader to continue the upward trajectory of one of the nation's great public research universities.

The board and I also believe the feedback from the university community will be critical in informing the search process. To that end, the new board chair, Linda Gooden, and I have already had several very fruitful meetings with leaders from the University Senate, the Student Government Association, the Board of Trustees, and others. The feedback we have received has been invaluable.

To that end, on Thursday, March 7, 2019 I will be meeting with a number of groups across campus to discuss the search process, thoughts on the key attributes and experiences sought in a new president, and their vision for UMCP. Following the campus visit, we will invite nominations for service on the search committee. Once the search committee has been appointed, a larger forum will be held on campus at which the broader campus community will have the opportunity to discuss the process with the search committee. Additionally, we will provide an electronic form for the community to provide input.

Thank you for your commitment to and support for Maryland's flagship campus. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,



Robert L. Caret  
Chancellor