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Oberlin College Board of Trustees

October 13, 2016

Ms. Lorri Olan '87, President
Oberlin Alumni Association

Dear Ms. Olan:

Thank you for your inquiry regarding alumni representation on the Presidential Search Committee (PSC).

The Board has requested that the Alumni Leadership Council, which serves as the governing body of the Alumni Association, nominate three alumni for consideration by the PSC by November 1, 2016. The PSC asks you, as President of the Alumni Association, to expedite the nomination process by considering the selection of nominees from current Alumni Leadership Council members. You may be one of the three nominees. The trustees on the PSC will choose one of the three nominees to serve on the PSC and two to participate in the confidential interview of the finalists for the position.

We will encourage the inclusion of broader alumni input into the process by soliciting feedback on desired characteristics and talents of presidential candidates and by encouraging alumni to suggest prospective candidates. The process for sending this feedback will be announced to the entire Oberlin community, including alumni, later in the search process.

The search for our next president is an important undertaking and the value Oberlin College places on alumni involvement is demonstrated by the fact that all trustee members of the PSC are also alumni. Once an alumni representative from the Alumni Leadership Council joins the PSC, seven of the eleven members will be alumni.

I hope that this letter clarifies the intentions of the Board of Trustees and the PSC. Ultimately, every member of the PSC will represent the interests of Oberlin College and not the interests of a particular constituency or agenda. We are confident that the process will adhere to the highest standards and provide an opportunity for Oberlin to attract and select the best possible leader to serve as our fifteenth president.

Sincerely,



Lillie Edwards '75
Trustee and Chair, Presidential Search Committee