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Dear Mr. Petersen,

We are reaching out to you after learning about the formation of the Search and Screen Committee for the new President of the University of Wisconsin System.

As legislators, we have an important obligation to provide input for the state's policy and decision-making progress around our UW System. The next president will have an incredible responsibility to the university students, staff, and faculty across the state of Wisconsin, therefore it is of paramount importance for these groups to have direct influence over to process as you find a successor to President Cross.

It has come to our attention that the Search and Screen Committee does not include any current staff or faculty members for the UW System and there is only one student. We understand students, staff, faculty, and other stakeholders will have several public opportunities to provide input on the qualities sought in the next UW System president; however it is vital to shared governance that these groups have a direct decision-making role in the Search and Screen Committee from start to finish.

We can't emphasize enough the importance of making sure students, staff, and faculty are not only involved in this very important selection but have a seat at the table when a decision is made. Therefore, we respectfully request that you make the addition of each of these stakeholder groups to your Search and Screen Committee. We look forward to this request being met quickly as the voices of these stakeholders are an indispensable part of the Wisconsin Idea.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and we look forward to working together with the Board of Regents to ensure the value of shared governance is upheld throughout our UW System.

Sincerely,

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