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JOSEPH B. BLAKE, CHANCELLOR

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Dear Colorado State University-Pueblo Campus Community:

This afternoon the Colorado State University System Board of Governors held a special meeting to act upon the results of yesterday's election. We all congratulate Joe Garcia on his victory as Colorado's lieutenant governor-elect. We wish him success and fulfillment in his new role. We all share great respect for Joe and the remarkable efforts he put forth that have advanced CSU-Pueblo. He certainly has left an indelible mark on the campus and community. At this afternoon's special meeting, the board accepted Joe Garcia's resignation as president of CSU-Pueblo.

As a result of today's special meeting of the board, the following will now be undertaken:

1. A Request for Proposal will be issued today for a firm to conduct a national search for the permanent president of CSU-Pueblo. The board's intent is to have a search firm selected and in place by next month.
2. Board chair Patrick McConathy has created a CSU Presidential Search Advisory Committee and has asked board member Dorothy Horrell to chair the committee. The committee will be comprised of:
  - Three members of the CSU System Board of Governors (committee chair, Dorothy Horrell, Mary Lou Makepeace and Bonifacio Cosyleon)
  - Five CSU-Pueblo campus representatives: Two faculty members, one student, and one representative each from the classified staff and administrative professional staff
  - Two Pueblo community members

It's charge will be to recommend three, unranked finalists for President of CSU-Pueblo to the Board of Governors, who will make the final selection, in consultation with the Chancellor.

3. Chair McConathy today sent letters to the CSU-Pueblo Faculty Senate, Associated Students' Government and Classified Staff Council to request their recommendations of individuals who can bring wisdom and perspectives of the diverse range of campus and community interests to the CSU Presidential Search Advisory Committee. Based on these recommendations, the chairman will make appointments to the committee. He will also appoint the two Pueblo community members. All appointments will be completed later this month.

4. The board anticipates appointing an experienced interim president for CSU-Pueblo before the end of this month.

The interim president will have a proven record of university leadership with the academic credentials to foster scholarly progress with a lens on students' needs and interpersonal skills to communicate effectively on campus and in the community.

The interim president will lead the campus community until a permanent president takes office.

On behalf of the Board of Governors and the CSU System, we are all deeply grateful for the extraordinary service Dr. Tony Frank has given over the last two and a half months. He has been a respected voice, and his academic and personal qualities as the acting president have continuously demonstrated the commitment of the board to continue the positive momentum at CSU-Pueblo.

Tony has graciously agreed to serve as interim president until a full-time interim president arrives on campus.

You all should know of the enormous respect Tony has for this campus community. He has said of this experience, "it has been an honor to work with the campus community and to get to know CSU-Pueblo better." He reaffirmed that "the campus is an asset to the city, state and region, and it is well-positioned to build on its current success in the years ahead."

The board and I thank the entire campus community –faculty, staff, students and community members – for their professional and collegial response to Tony's leadership.

In the work and changes that are ahead of us, we will approach all that we do with a commitment to build on the momentum at this exceptional institution. We look forward to working with you in the weeks, months and years to come. Please know that I will continue to communicate with you on behalf of the board as we move forward with selecting an interim president and the search for the permanent president of CSU-Pueblo.

Best regards,



Joseph B. Blake  
Chancellor

Cc: Pat McConathy  
Board of Governors, CSU System