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Dear Campus Community:

This week, the Gallaudet community accomplished a very significant milestone, the selection of the University's tenth president, Dr. T. Alan Hurwitz. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I want to thank everyone in the community—administration, faculty, staff, students, and alumni—for their enthusiastic participation in a successful selection process. Team Gallaudet has proven once again that the University embraces change and is on the path to a bold and bright future.

The Board of Trustees, President Davila, Dr. Hurwitz, and the Presidential Transition Advisory Committee (PTAC) will be planning a smooth transition during the coming weeks. Throughout this process, it is essential that faculty and staff continue their outstanding work with students and preparation for our next incoming group of young scholars.

The trustees will get another update on the vitally important work that is being done to implement the Long Range Strategic Plan (LRSP) at a special meeting on campus in early December. Information that will be shared with the board at that meeting includes:

- Report on Enrollment Management
- A detailed LRSP budget and LRSP budget priorities for 2010-2012
- A process for program review and prioritization in academic offerings to ensure that they meet our students' needs in a changing world of work
- A report on the work force analysis

We expect the LRSP implementation process to continue throughout the remaining months of 2009 under the guidance of President Davila, and throughout the remaining years of the LRSP under Dr. Hurwitz's leadership. This plan will provide Dr. Hurwitz a strong foundation to work with the campus community so that, together, we can ensure a strong and viable Gallaudet for future generations of students.

Sincerely,

**Benjamin J. Soukup, Jr.**  
Chair