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Press Release

Washington, DC: – The University of the District of Columbia Board of Trustees has taken its first important steps in the national search for the next president of the University. Last month, Board of Trustees Chair Dr. Elaine Crider announced the formation of a search committee co-chaired by Trustees Joseph L. Askew, Jr. and Major General Errol R. Schwartz. The committee includes representatives from numerous constituencies. Joining Trustees Askew and Schwartz on the committee are the following members:

- Scott Barash, UDC General Counsel
- Natasha Bennett, Student Member, Board of Trustees
- Kendrick E. Curry, Board of Trustees
- Arlene King-Berry, Faculty Senate Chair
- Gabriela D. Lemus, Board of Trustees
- Joseph M. Perta, President, UDC Foundation Inc.
- Dianna Phillips, CEO, UDC Community College
- Jerome Shelton, Board of Trustees
- Anthony C. Tardd, Board of Trustees
- Adam Tope, ANC 3F Chair
- James A. Williams, UDC National Alumni Society (UDCNAS) President
- Harry Wingo, President & CEO, District of Columbia Chamber of Commerce
- Joshua Wyner, Board of Trustees

The University will be assisted in the presidential search by the executive recruiting firm AGB Search.

The search committee has been charged with its responsibilities, which include establishing the skills and characteristics the next president needs to be successful, working with University stakeholder groups, developing the search schedule, placing announcements, reviewing applications, conducting initial interviews, and presenting finalists for the position to the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees will select the University's next president from the finalists presented by the committee.

The presidential search committee will begin accepting applications and nominations in early January 2015 and the Board of Trustees expects to make its final decision on the next President in April 2015. Information regarding the presidential search has been posted to the University's website and a webpage dedicated to the presidential search process is currently under construction for the public.

As the only urban land-grant institution in the United States, the University of the District of Columbia (www.udc.edu) supports a broad mission of education, research and community service across all member colleges and schools, which include the Community College, College of Agriculture, Urban Sustainability and Environmental Sciences, College of Arts and Sciences, School of Business and Public Administration, School of Engineering and Applied Sciences and David A. Clarke School of Law.

The University of the District of Columbia is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action institution. Minorities, women, veterans and persons with disabilities are encouraged to apply. For a full version of the University's EO Policy Statement, please visit: http://www.udc.edu/equal_opportunity.

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