Trustee Foster updated us on the status of the search committee. Some of the feedback from the meeting:

Points of discussion:

- Has MSU reached out to the business community for feedback?
- Who are MSU's customers? Students
- How much will politics affect candidate selection and is that a good or bad thing?
- New President may not be able to have a signature project because our bonding capabilities will change
- New President will likely have to deal with the insurance lawsuits
- Number of high school graduates will be lower in the near future
- New President will have to likely lead a new Capital Campaign

Some ideas for the right person should include:

- STEM or business background, a strong familiarity with the business community
- Healing/changing without dwelling
- Tuned into the economy of the future
- Know the latest innovative teaching modalities
- Forward thinking and supportive in areas such as intellectual property development, commercialization, entrepreneurship, driver of corporate development and partnerships
- National profile; regionally aware in the state of Michigan
- Skillset with emphasis on communications
- Someone who will keep control of the tuitions depending on what our endowment looks like
- Academic and business leader connected with Washington
- Good reputation
- Needs to understand the business world, academic world and still understand students
- Someone with strong integrity and will continue to deal with the sensitive issues and not question anybody who’s been through it
- Someone successful but who has had a few obvious failures - an example for the students, as well as someone who isn’t afraid to fail
- Digitization should be the focus on the future. The new leader needs to be aimed at the future with an economic focus, as well as training students for jobs
- PhD doesn’t matter, needs to be a great leader – the more diversity they have, the better
- Should support athletics as it’s a big part of our university and donors like athletics – cannot go off the rails because of where the issues stemmed from