# Presidential Search Input Session Notes

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<td>Foster, Spray, Lipscomb, Murray, Glasmacher, Rifiotis, Hult, Dagbovie</td>
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## Responses to 1st Question:
What qualities, characteristics, and criteria are desired in a new president of MSU?

- Leadership and mission of MSU not called into question. Get back on track
- Encourage student involvement academically, clubs, extra-curricular
- Reliable—going to meetings with students
- Integrity and inclusive. Not divide cultures and race
- Approachable—out on campus and visible
- Honest—need to do what they say
- Financial aid—provide more and understand challenge of tuition
- Non-political and reach across the aisle—supportive of all
- Concerns, needs and safety of students put first
- Students come from all backgrounds and should be valued equally
- Supports student concerns and embodies the ethical standard of MSU
- Champions issues of students and empathizes with them
- Acknowledge concerns of the under-represented populations
- Keep students informed and involved in the process of moving MSU forward
• Transparency—continue emails to community and students like President Engler has been doing
• Visible—what are the intentions of the administration? Interactive with communities on campus—inclusion
• Consistency in direction. What are their values are and how are they exemplified in the president?
• Shared governance should be priority—academic governance and how those recommendations make way to president
• Don’t see students as constituent group but priority and the reason the U exists
• Leader—can inspire and lead change. Take initiative.
• Have a plan—how do we move U forward and rebuild Spartan brand—make MSU a model for other universities
• Passion
• Academic background—understand undergraduate and graduate level
• Do what they say they will do
• Give students a voice in the conversation—know what is going on and coming next
### Responses to 2\(^{nd}\) Question:
Higher education is facing many challenges today. What do you consider to be the major challenges facing MSU?

- Safety—sexual assault and bias issues. The next President should be committed to making students feel safe and follow through on student’s concerns
- Repair trust between administration and students
- Tuition—important to address out of state students and international students
- Diversity of thought and background—need out of state and international students
- Help students understand loans and better financial advising
- Consistency of and communication of Title IX policies to university community. Many changes—policy and staff changes, new offices and names
- Balance between free and hate speech. Make sure that students feel safe and university take stance on hate speech and how we approach it.
- Someone that shows up when issues come up—some admin are always there while others are not

### Responses to 3\(^{rd}\) Question:
Focusing on the future, what do you consider to be important strengths and opportunities for MSU?

- Research abilities—need to maintain and faculty, library system
- Atmosphere of academics and research
- Increased study abroad and incorporate EL community
- Academic success, pioneering innovations
- Value and utilize students so they can thrive at MSU
- MSU can be example of how to handle sexual assault
- Advocates for survivors, safety, better student experience
- Defining what makes a Spartan and what our values are—redefine what that means?
- School spirit, being proud of MSU
- Broad range of academic opportunities—clubs, academics, sports, student government
- Greek life—MSU has opportunity to have honest conversation.

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