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To: The Hostos Community College Community

From: Vice Chairman Philip Alfonso Berry *PAB*
Chair, Hostos Community College Presidential Search Committee

Subject: Search Progress Report #1

A nationwide search for the next President of Eugenio María de Hostos Community College is now underway. Advertisements for the position have appeared in *The New York Times*, *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, *El Diario*, *Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education*, *Community College Times*, *Community College Week*, and *The Affirmative Action Register*.

In a few days more than 1,000 higher education leaders nationwide will receive a letter from Chancellor Goldstein and a college profile brochure soliciting nominations and applications for the position. The Chancellor has retained Dr. Narcisa Polonio of the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) to assist with the search. Dr. Polonio has conducted many presidential searches over the years and is very familiar with the Hostos community. She will assist us in recruiting highly qualified candidates who do not respond to advertisements because they are either not actively seeking a new job, or they are concerned about confidentiality.

These activities will generate numerous queries, nominations and letters of interest. While the Committee will continue to consider applications throughout the search process, the Committee will hold its first candidate screening meeting during the week of October 20th.

The Presidential Search Committee is committed to conducting the broadest possible national search for a candidate of exceptional quality. We would like to invite anyone in the Hostos/CUNY community to submit the names of any individuals they feel should be encouraged to become a candidate. Those communications should be sent directly via email to Dr. Polonio at searches@acct.org.

The entire Hostos/CUNY community will receive progress reports on the search through its completion. The Presidential Search Committee has pledged total confidentiality, consistent with the paramount need to protect the confidentiality of the individuals involved.

On behalf of the Search Committee, I want to thank those of you who already have contributed to the search process with your time and your advice.

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