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GUS ARRENDALE III, CHAIRMAN

May 11, 2022

Dear Piedmont University Faculty Members:

I have received the results of your Monday, May 9, 2022, faculty meeting, and am deeply troubled by the issues contained in your Resolution of No Confidence. There are clearly numerous opportunities to improve faculty-administration relations. On behalf of the entire Board of Trustees, I assure you that addressing your concerns and building a stronger faculty-administration partnership will be the primary focus of leaders throughout the university for the future.

Regarding the call for a new president: The Board of Trustees respectfully, but decidedly, disagrees. Piedmont University has thrived during President Mellichamp's decade of leadership. As a few examples:

- The building of Piedmont's state-of-the-art Springer Mountain Farms Conservatory of Music.
- The renovation of Piedmont's Sewell Center for Education, creating a modernized space for Piedmont's long-successful teacher preparation programs.
- The soon-to-be completed construction of Mystic Hall, the university's largest residence facility.
- Rankings as one of the state's best returns on investment, the state's safest campus, and as the state's leader in teacher placements, among others.
- The establishment and remarkable growth of Piedmont Symposium, the annual showcase of student research and creative inquiry.
- High marks in academic advising, campus safety and security, the content of major courses and faculty availability to students, as demonstrated on the university's annual Student Satisfaction survey.
- Student deposits for fall 2022 are up nearly 15 percent over this time last year, at a time when college enrollment nationally is declining. Housing deposits are also up year-over-year.

There are many more achievements that could be listed, but suffice it to say, the Board has complete confidence in President Mellichamp's ability to continue leading this institution forward for years to come.

Thank you for your commitment to the university in pursuit of our shared goal: Serving Piedmont University and its students to the very best of our ability every day.

Sincerely,  
Gus Arrendale III  
Chairman, Board of Trustees