

Statement from the Texas A&M University System Office

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At a meeting of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee Monday, Chancellor Sharp informed the committee that he will recommend to the Board of Regents that Interim President Welsh be named the sole finalist for the presidency of Texas A&M University.

Board Chairman Bill Mahomes, who also attended the meeting, informed the faculty group that he plans to schedule a special Board of Regents meeting in the coming days to consider the Chancellor's recommendation.

If the Board accepts the Chancellor's recommendation, Mahomes said, the faculty and others will have at least 21 days to provide feedback and input before the board will consider taking final action on General Welsh for the presidency.

Chancellor Sharp reminded faculty representatives that he named Welsh as interim president in July, and he encouraged the Faculty Senate on Oct. 24 to thoroughly review General Welsh's credentials and provide feedback as soon as possible.

"Like many of you, I am pleased with the direction of Texas A&M under General Welsh's leadership," Sharp said. "He is moving decisively to advance the university's mission, and he is doing it while ensuring that faculty, staff, and others are properly informed and included."

"I want to again encourage the Faculty Senate to gather and share faculty perspectives about General Welsh at this critical time," Sharp said.

The Chancellor said there is an urgency to reach a final decision and bring further stability to the university administration. It will help with academic and administrative hiring decisions as well bringing renewed momentum to a wide array of initiatives.