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Dear Delta Devils:

Good morning. As Chair of the Board Search Committee for the Mississippi Valley State University President Search, I would like to extend a personal invitation to you to attend the upcoming Listening Sessions, which will be held on campus on Thursday.

I hope each of you will take time to attend the Listening Sessions and let us know the qualities and qualifications you would like to see in the university's president. Good leaders are an essential ingredient for any organization to grow, thrive and fulfill its mission.

Mississippi Valley State University is on a good trajectory. Enrollment is solid. From fall 2013 to fall 2016, MVSU has seen an increase in enrollment each year for a total change of 11.4%.

The university is in good financial shape. In the past four years, the university's cash position has improved by 47 percent. The days of cash on hand have improved by 65 percent, from 63 days of cash on hand to 105 days.

However, like any university, the Valley cannot be content to stand still. Even greater achievements are ahead. I hope you will think about what you want those achievements to be and the kind of leader who can help you achieve them. I hope you will share your thoughts and ideas at the Listening Sessions.

The Listening Sessions will be held on Thursday, October 12, from 3:00 p.m. until 5:55 p.m. in the Business Education Building Auditorium. I look forward to seeing you then!

/s/ *Shane Hooper*

Trustee Shane Hooper  
Chair, Board Search Committee  
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