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Program for Announcement of President-Elect Eric Jensen

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Presidential Announcement Program
Monday, Sept. 14,
11:30 a.m. until approximately noon

11:15 Slide #1--University Seal on Screen as attendees enter

(Search Committee and Cabinet should have reserved seats in front row in front of stage)

11:30 Slide #2—Seal with Alma Wesleyana musical track playing signaling entry of president-elect (The platform party will leave 200 and start down the stairs about :30 into the music in this order: Vinyard, Baird, Jensens, Wilsons

When music concludes platform party takes seats on stage and Vinyard goes to podium

Slide #3—Seal. (no music)

- **George Vinyard, Board Chair, welcome and thanks (5 mins)**
 - Welcomes the faculty, staff and students
 - Pays a brief tribute to outgoing president Dick Wilson and Pat, thanking him for extending his stay until the search was completed, and remarks on Pat's graciousness (Wilson will speak later)
 - Thanks those who attended forums and provided input during the search process,
 - Thanks Jean Baird and members of the search committee, asking them to stand and be recognized
 - Notes that the full Board met in special session Wednesday to act upon the recommendation of the search committee
 - Turns over program to Jean Baird and takes a seat
- **Jean Baird, Search Chair, discusses search and new president (5 mins)**
 - Thanks the committee and all those who participated in the search process
 - Comments on the quality of candidates that the committee chose from
 - Notes that the selection of Jensen was related to
 - The quality of his administrative and executive experiences, including a broad portfolio as provost at Hamline, experience in budgeting, external relations, fundraising at both Hamline and the College of William and Mary

- His passion for the liberal arts, teaching and scholarly work, the way he connected with people on his visits, etc.
- These attributes and qualities made him stand out to the campus community and the committee
- Introduces the 19th president and his wife, who she asks to stand and be recognized and leads applause
- Asks President-elect Jensen to address the assembled (leads applause, platform group stands and applauds)

Slide #4—Eric R. Jensen, 19th President w/Seal

- **President-elect Jensen expresses his appreciation, enthusiasm and intention to work closely with the community (5-8 mins)**
 - Thanks the chairs, Board of Trustees, search committee and campus community for their confidence in naming him the 19th president.
 - Expresses
 - Pride at being selected,
 - Passion for the liberal arts and the importance of people in bringing our mission to life and meeting the challenges ahead
 - Recognition that he will inherit an experienced and talented leadership team
 - His intention to get to know and learn from faculty, staff, students, retirees and alumni, e.g. practice management by walking around, and finally,
 - His respect and appreciation for what President Wilson has done during his tenure,
 - Mentions how gracious Dick and Pat have been to Elizabeth and him, and
 - His intention to build upon Wilson's many accomplishments moving forward as the University faces new challenges and opportunities

Slide #5—Welcome President and Mrs. Jensen

- **George Vinyard introduces Dick (2mins)**
 - Invites Dick Wilson to the podium to share with the assembled his plans for the presidential transition
- **Dick Wilson, what's next and along with Pat presents ceremonial key to Jensens (3 mins)**

- Thanks George, the Board and campus for their support over the past 11 years
 - Pledges to support Jensen in whatever ways the new president will find helpful, though notes that he will be leaving B-N for the next year for some much needed family time
 - Outlines his plan to turn over the office to Jensen at the October BOT meeting
 - Dick and Pat invite Eric and Elizabeth to podium and present them with ceremonial key to campus, perhaps noting that they need keys to the office and residence for the next month and until then this key will have to do
- **George Vinyard, thanks and come back for reception**
 - Invites those assembled to return to Center Court between 3:30-5 p.m. for a welcome reception for the new president and his wife

Slide #6—Welcome President and Mrs. Jensen with Fight Song to play following Vinyards closing remarks as assemble walk out (:53 play time)