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UNIVERSITY.**

**Thomas H. Brouster, Sr.**  
Chairman  
Board of Trustees

September 24, 2012

TO: SLU Faculty, Staff and Students

FROM: Thomas H. Brouster, Sr.  
Chairman of the Board of Trustees

I write to communicate to the SLU Community that at its September 22, 2012, meeting, the Board of Trustees unanimously affirmed its approval of the University's strategic planning efforts, its goal to rank the University among the top 50 universities in the United States, and the efforts necessary to achieve the goals of the Strategic Plan and to advance the excellence of the University.

The Board of Trustees also approved the appointment of a blue ribbon committee, made up of representatives of the academic deans, the academic department chairs, the faculty, the administration, the staff, and students, to identify and recommend processes and criteria to achieve the objectives of the Strategic Plan.

The Board of Trustees further affirmed its confidence in the University President and all of the University's Vice Presidents to continue to lead the strategic planning process to its successful implementation.

In advancing the University's efforts for excellence, the Board of Trustees further stated its support of the September 14, 2012, agreement of the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate, the Academic Deans, the Vice Presidents and the President to proceed with meaningful and continuous faculty development within the context of a collaborative process and implementation in order to continue to advance the University.

On behalf of the University's Trustees, thank you for your service and commitment to Saint Louis University.