Lee C. Bollinger's Term Extended

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In March, the University's Board of Trustees announced that President Lee C. Bollinger has agreed to lead Columbia through 2022, thus adding four more years to a term that was due to end in 2018.

"The Board of Trustees makes the decision to extend Lee Bollinger's term with great enthusiasm and conviction," said Trustees chair Jonathan Schiller '69CC, '73LAW. "Under Lee's exemplary leadership, Columbia is firmly established as one of the world's indispensable research universities."

Schiller credited Bollinger with enhancing student financial aid; diversifying the faculty; appointing women to a majority of deanships; heightening the University's global presence; and leading the development of the seventeen-acre campus expansion in Manhattanville.

Many of these achievements, he pointed out, can be attributed to the alumnioutreach and fundraising operations that Bollinger and his senior staff have built.

"Unprecedented levels of alumni engagement and financial support have provided a foundation for Columbia's continued progress, including financial aid for our students and faculty recruitment and retention," Schiller said. "We believe Lee's compelling intellectual vision and his record of fiscal management and fundraising success have made Columbia the most dynamic place in higher education."

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