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FROM: Royce C. Engstrom, President

I am proud to announce the following keynote speakers for the upcoming “Defining a 21st Century Education for a Vibrant Democracy” Conference, scheduled for October 26-27 on the 3rd floor of the UC:

Debra Humphreys, Association of American Colleges & Universities Vice President for Policy and Public Engagement
Monday, October 26 at 9:15 a.m. in the UC Theater

Patti McGill Peterson, American Council on Education Presidential Advisor for Global Initiatives
Monday, October 26 at 1:45 p.m. in the UC Theater

Thomas E. Perez, United States Secretary of Labor
Tuesday, October 27 at 9:15 a.m. in the UC Theater

Over the course of a day and a half, this interactive conference will explore UM’s role in creating a dynamic educational experience for today’s students. The conference sessions will focus on important and timely issues in higher education, including general education, liberal education, global education, workforce development, educational delivery, and academic innovations. We hope to address the following questions:

- What is the role of a liberal arts education in today’s society?
- How do we prepare global leaders and address workforce needs?
- How can we continue to foster innovation at UM?

Check the conference website for a detailed schedule, to register, and to read more about the keynote speakers and panelists.

This conference is meant to be inclusive, and I encourage ALL staff, faculty, students, and administrators to attend and participate as their schedules permit.

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