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PRESS RELEASE

Breaking News—Decision Imminent in Gallaudet Standoff—Congressional intervention at hand

For Immediate Release

Congress has now begun to intervene in the standoff between protestors at Gallaudet University and their Board of Trustees. After meeting for a full day on the Gallaudet campus in the Kellogg Conference Hotel, the Board and President-Select Jane Fernandes were unable to find a way to put an end to the stalemate.

A delegation of protestors met with staffers today on Capitol Hill and convinced them of the need of Congressional intervention.

Meetings are currently taking place in hotel rooms at the Kellogg Conference Hotel located on the Gallaudet campus at 800 Florida Ave N.E., Washington, D.C. 20002.

Hotel manager Ashraf (telephone 202-651-6000) has invited the press onto the campus. Stake out locations outside the hotel have been established.

In Northeast Washington, from Florida Avenue and 6th St, go one-half block north and turn east (right) into the university campus. The Kellogg Conference Center is on the immediate left-hand side.

Protestors presented the Board of Trustees today with a 70-page petition filled with 4000 names, signed by Gallaudet students, faculty, staff, alumni and members of the deaf community from around the world, calling for Jane Fernandes to renounce her impending appointment to the presidency of Gallaudet and a re-opening of the presidential search process.

The petition maybe downloaded, viewed or printed out at this URL:

http://www.hypernumber.com/4000_Names_on_Petition_to_Gallaudet_Board_Members.pdf

The online version of the petition is here

<http://www.thepetitionsite.com/takeaction/654622934.?l=1146963169>

The 137th Commencement for Gallaudet's graduating seniors and graduate students is scheduled for Friday, May 12, 2006 beginning at 1:30 p.m., in the Field House. The graduates will begin the procession into the auditorium beginning at 1:15. The press is invited to attend.

For a map of the Gallaudet campus, go here: <http://www.gallaudet.edu/x418.xml>

For more information on Commencement, go here: <http://commencement.gallaudet.edu/>

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