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The Board of Directors of the Native American Alumni Association of Dartmouth College (“NAAAD Board”) would like to commend Dartmouth College for its prompt and conscientious response to our concerns surrounding the hiring of Dr. Susan Taffe Reed, and for its decision to remove Dr. Taffe Reed from her position as Director of the Native American Program (“NAP”).

While the hiring of Dr. Taffe Reed has drawn negative media attention toward the College and brought its reputation into question, the College’s response to this complex and delicate situation demonstrates its ability to effectively educate and support the next generation of Native American leaders.

Additionally, the NAAAD Board would like to applaud the College for taking the time to consult with, and listen to, the concerns of the NAAAD Board, Native American Students at Dartmouth (“NAD”), alumni, faculty, and staff, as well as the tribes that opposed the hiring of Dr. Taffe Reed. This consultation and subsequent decision allows the College to reassert itself as a leading voice in the education of Native Americans students.

Until a new NAP Director is hired, the NAAAD Board will work closely with Interim Undergraduate Dean, Jeremy Guardiola, and NAP Program Coordinator, Kianna Burke to encourage alumni engagement with the College and support student enrichment. This relationship is vital to ensuring the well-being of its Native American students.

The NAAAD Board remains hopeful that the College will continue to work closely with NAAAD in an effort to promote the best interests of the NAD community.

Sincerely,

NAAAD Board Members