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VP for Finance and Business Affairs
Chief Financial Officer, Hiring Committee
Winthrop University
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Dear Hiring Committee,

I am writing to express my interest in the Vice President for Finance and Business Affairs / Chief Financial Officer position at Winthrop University, as advertised. Furthermore, my educational background, including a Master of Business Administration in Accounting and the ongoing pursuit of a PhD in Business Administration, complements my professional experience and equips me with the analytical and prioritization skills necessary to excel in this position. As an innovative finance and administration leader, I am adept at navigating complex financial landscapes and driving strategic initiatives to achieve organizational goals. I have an ability to foster collaborative partnerships and communicate effectively with diverse stakeholders, including board members, senior leadership, and campus constituents. My commitment to integrity, inclusivity, and visionary leadership aligns with the values and mission of Winthrop University, and I am eager to contribute to the university's future and continued success.

Throughout my career, I have held various high-level administrative positions in higher education, including CFO and Vice President roles at Guilford College, Tusculum University, and Mitchell Community College. In these roles, I have successfully supervised managerial employees across multiple departments such as finance, budget, accounting, payroll, facilities management, procurement, and risk management. This experience has equipped me with a deep understanding of the complexities involved in managing large, multifaceted organizations.

I have extensive experience with electronic record keeping, including accounting and budgeting systems, and I am proficient in Microsoft Word, Excel, and Outlook. My familiarity with federal and state laws and regulations, particularly those about accounting, budgeting, payroll, property management, capital

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investments, procurement, and risk management, allows me to navigate the regulatory landscape effectively. With experience with Ohio and North Carolina's specific rules, laws, and regulations regarding state agency fiscal management and related areas, further aligns with the requirements of this position.

My ability to communicate clearly and concisely with a variety of constituencies—including faculty, staff, high-level administration, the Board of Trustees, the Foundation Board, and the community—has been a cornerstone of my professional success. I pride myself on my ability to develop, maintain, and communicate detailed financial reports, provide guidance on financial matters, and make decisions that are in the best interest of the institution.

I am drawn to this opportunity at Winthrop University because of the institution's commitment to excellence and its forward-thinking approach to higher education. I am excited about the prospect of bringing my extensive knowledge, skills, and experience to your esteemed institution.

Thank you for considering my application. I look forward to the opportunity to discuss how my background, skills, and abilities align with the needs of Winthrop University. Please find my resume attached for further details on my professional journey. I am available at your earliest convenience for an interview and can be reached at 513-325-0115 or via email at jctn3wilkinson@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

John W. Wilkinson