

To: The College Community

From: John R. Connors

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Re: Presidential search update week of October 3

As I mentioned in last evening's memo, Dr. Charles E. Taylor of Diversified Search will be assisting our Board of Trustees and search committee in their efforts. To begin this process as soon as possible, he will visit the campus this Tuesday evening through Thursday.

Cathy Northrop will soon distribute a schedule of meetings during which Dr. Taylor will become more familiar with the College. In consultation with him, we have identified a number of individuals (e.g., the President and the Provost) and groups (e.g., the College Forum, program chairs, and students) who will have a specific time to meet with him. We understand that with such short notice, not all members of these groups will be available, but we do hope many will be. I also ask supervisors to make plans to free many of our colleagues to attend these meetings.

To accommodate members of the invited groups who cannot make their appointed time, we also have some times reserved for open meetings. These sessions will also be available for anyone from the campus community to participate. We hope that a very large number of people – whatever your role may be - will take the opportunity to meet Dr. Taylor and to provide insights that will prove helpful and enlightening to him. Please feel free also to attend more than one session if you wish.

I do want to add another important note. The schedule includes two sessions for members of the search committee. We have established two such sessions in the hope that every member of that committee will be able to participate at some point. It is important to note that neither of these sessions will be considered a formal meeting of the committee; each is instead an informal gathering of some members of the group. SUNY requires that the first formal meeting of the search committee include the Chancellor (probably via Skype or Zoom), and we are working to find a suitable time for it.

Thank you all in advance for your participation in this process and for playing a part in welcoming Dr. Taylor as he begins his work on our campus.