

To: The College Community

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Re: Presidential search update

On behalf of Elizabeth Burns, Chair of both the Board of Trustees and the Presidential Search Committee, I wish to offer a brief update on the search process.

The Search Committee has now met twice this month. The first meeting, organizational in nature, included both of our liaisons with SUNY: Johanna Duncan-Poitier, Senior Vice Chancellor for Community Colleges, and Jennifer Miller of her office. Also, the Chancellor joined via Skype for the first part of the meeting. Among the outcomes of this meeting is a strong commitment to a schedule that would lead to the appointment of a new President at the May meeting of the SUNY Board of Trustees. Also at this meeting, Chairperson Burns confirmed that Scott Ochs had accepted appointment as the committee's Vice Chair.

The second meeting was devoted to revising the presidential profile and job description, provided in draft form by Dr. Charles Taylor after his recent campus visit. The process of revision has been completed, with the final version to be given to Dr. Taylor early next week. He will soon begin the process of advertising and promoting the opportunity to potential candidates.

One change in the membership of the search committee has occurred of late. Deb Fedenko, who had been elected as a member of the classified staff, has encountered unforeseen scheduling difficulties that will prevent her from participating in the committee's work. Rhonda Kowalski-Oltz, who had received the next-highest number of votes in the recent election, has been appointed to take Deb's place and has already attended a committee meeting. I want to commend Deb for her sense of responsibility and thank Rhonda for stepping up.

As always, please feel free to contact me with questions or comments.