

To: The College Community

From: John R. Connors

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Re: Presidential search update

The Presidential Search Committee interviewed seven candidates via Skype on February 9 and 10; the group reconvened on the evening of February 14 and selected three candidates to recommend to the Board of Trustees for further consideration. At last evening's meeting, the Board accepted these recommendations and proceeded with plans for further interviews.

Each of the three finalists has accepted our invitation to visit campus over a two-day period. These visits are scheduled on March 6 & 7, March 9 & 10, and March 13 & 14. We are in the process of finalizing the schedule of sessions for each of the candidates, with the intention of providing opportunities for all members of our campus community and for members of the communities we serve to meet and interact with them. Please be prepared to make adjustments to your schedule so that you may attend at least one session with each candidate.

In addition, Cathy Northrop and I have collaborated with Kris Altucher on the design of a Survey Monkey instrument for everyone to provide feedback to the Board about each candidate; we will have more specific information about this in due time.

Each of the three finalists is an outstanding candidate for the position and enjoys the strong support of the search committee. Next week, Elizabeth Burns, Chair of the Board of Trustees, will announce the names of the finalists and we will provide for everyone some background information on them. Also at that time, our External Relations office will engage with the media and distribute information about the search in a number of ways, including the College's web site.

As always, I will keep you informed as the process moves forward.