

To: The College Community

From: John R. Conners

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Re: Presidential search – campus visits

Earlier this week, you received information from Chairperson Burns about the three finalists for President and today Cathy Northrop distributed the schedule of sessions for each two-day visit. I am writing with further information about those visits.

As you can see from the information you have received about the finalists, each is a highly qualified and experienced educator. Each is, moreover, very interested in joining our academic community and is anxious to learn more about us. Everyone on campus will have at least one opportunity to meet each candidate and many of you will have several. Here are some details:

- In advance of each candidate's visit, Cathy Northrop will provide access to that person's curriculum vitae and letter of application.
- There will be two sessions for full-time and adjunct faculty members. Our hope is that most faculty members will be free to attend at least one of these or the open session.
- Retirees and alumni will be able to attend either the open session or one of the two sessions for our communities in the extension centers.
- I ask all supervisors to provide an opportunity for everyone under your direction to attend at least one session.
- We will send invitations to specific people (e.g., county legislators, school district superintendents) to attend the community sessions in Ithaca and Cortland and will also publicize these events widely to invite all community members and the media to attend.
- It is critically important for each candidate to meet and interact with a large number of students. While there will be such an opportunity during the campus tour (conducted by student ambassadors from the Admissions Office) and the lunch with student leaders on the first day, I ask the faculty's help in promoting the open session for students on the second day. You should urge your students to take advantage of a rare opportunity to participate in such an event.
- I will accompany each candidate throughout the entire two days. In addition, members of the search committee and members of the Board of Trustees will be attending many of the sessions as well.
- At the end of the visit of the final candidate, Kris Altucher will distribute a Survey Monkey instrument for everyone to provide feedback to the Board about each candidate. She and her colleagues will provide the results to the Board to assist in its deliberations. Also, the Board will meet with the Search Committee in mid-March to solicit feedback from its members.

Our Board of Trustees has asked me to convey its sincere thanks to our Search Committee and to all of you for your participation in this process and for your support of them as they make a

decision that will determine the future of our college.