

Report on the Search Advisory Committee for the position of Provost

April 23, 2009

Presented by William Gray Potter, Chair

The Search Advisory Committee (SAC) met with President Adams on Friday March 27 to receive its charge, which is essentially to provide him with the names of 3, 4 or 5 finalists. He expressed the hope to have a decision made by early in the fall semester.

The SAC will be assisted by Ms. Shelly Storbeck of the search firm Storbeck/Pimental.

At the March 27 meeting we developed the following rough schedule:

Early April	Ad posted
April – June 15	Applications and nominations accepted
Mid-June	Final review of applicants begins
Mid-July	First round of candidate interviews
Early August	Finalists identified
Mid-Late August	Campus interviews of finalists
Early September	Announcement of next Provost

It is our intention, then, to forward the names of 3, 4 or 5 finalists to the President in early August with the understanding that his office will arrange campus interviews as soon after the start of the fall term as possible.

The charge of the committee is to submit these names. At that point, our charge will be completed unless the President determines that we need to enlarge the pool of candidates.

At our March 27 meeting, the SAC also decided to mount a website to provide the University Community, potential candidates, and other interested parties with information about the search. That web site was made available soon after the meeting and is featured prominently on the University homepage. I sent an email to faculty, staff, and students announcing this web site on April 3

This web site provides a list of the SAC members, a job ad, instructions on how to apply or nominate someone, the search schedule, and links to information about the university

At this point, an ad for the position has appeared in the Chronicle of Higher Education, Diverse Issues in Higher Education, Hispanic Outlook, and University Business. Nominations and applications are being received.

Our next milestone will be to review applications in mid-June to identify a group of candidates that we wish to pursue further.

We are on track to complete our charge by early August and I expect that the finalists will be making visits to the campus soon after the start of the fall semester.