

Presidential Search and Advisory Committee Minutes
September 9, 2005

Present: Thomas Cotton; Kenneth Gilliam; Thomas Holder; Suzy Millwood; Steve Prather; Sarah Robbins; Ben Setzer; Ann Smith; Jonathan VanGeest; Peter Witte; Christine Ziegler, and Joseph Meeks.

The meeting was called to order at 2:05PM.

The minutes of the August 26, 2005 meeting were approved.

There was a log and web update.

After discussion it was agreed to add a document to the website which would be composed of a bulleted list of the progress made by the committee in order to inform and update the public on the committee's activities.

Dr. Robbins reported that she had met with the Grad Council to discuss optimum ways for the committee to include graduate students' input in the search process. She also said that graduate faculty indicated that it is important that the committee look for candidates who have experience at the kind of institution we're becoming — not where we are now. They would like someone who could address the needs of the graduate programs. They would like someone who has experience in transitioning to doctoral programs or experience working at an institution with doctoral programs.

The following dates/times were agreed upon for open forums for the community to ask questions of and give input to the committee. All will take place in BB 151.

October 10 3:30PM
October 25 12:30PM
October 26 5PM
October 27 12:30PM

A session followed, led by Dr. VanGeest, where a list of potential questions that might be posed to candidates was discussed and edited.

The next meeting will be on Friday, September 23, when the committee will participate in a conference call with the search firm, Baker-Parker.

Dr. Smith requested that the committee send to the committee chair's secretary questions they would like to ask candidates' references.

The meeting was adjourned at 4PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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