

# Presidential Search Update

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Subject Presidential Search Update

Dear Senate Members,  
Below is a message from Chair Fessler regarding the Presidential search.

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Colleagues,

I write with an update on the Presidential Search Process. The following news release is also available on the Presidential Search website at

[http://www.albany.edu/presidentialsearch/announcements\\_and\\_reports.php](http://www.albany.edu/presidentialsearch/announcements_and_reports.php) :

## June 11-13, 2012

On June 11, the Presidential Search Committee met from 9am to 1:30pm to continue its review of proposed candidates for the Presidential position. Dr. Michael Baer and Ms. Pamela Pezzoli, our search consultants, began with detailed reports on the series of interviews they undertook with those individuals that the committee had earlier identified as candidates of interest.

Dr. Baer noted that the candidate pool was strong and diverse, as had been a goal expressed by the Chancellor and the committee. He and Ms. Pezzoli began by describing the background, including education, experience, accomplishments, personal characteristics, interests and values that were expressed by each candidate during their meeting. Following each presentation, the floor was open for comments, questions and in-depth discussion by the members of the committee.

An important aspect of the discussion focused on the career path of each individual and its relevance to UAlbany and the Presidential position.

Additionally, questions centered on the goals that each candidate expressed and implemented in their present position and their understanding of the challenges and issues that are facing UAlbany, SUNY and the State.

At the conclusion of the candidate reviews, the committee members were asked to select from those presented who should be invited for preliminary interviews. Each member completed a ballot with her/his choices. The ballots were tabulated and a smaller group was identified. Dr. Baer said that he would contact these individuals to set up screening interviews with the search committee.

As this portion of the meeting came to a close, Dr. Baer submitted the names of a number of individuals who had expressed interest in the position since the last meeting and offered additional comment for consideration.

The discussion then centered on the characteristics of the search as noted in the May 7 report. Dr. Baer said that there continued to be candidates deemed to be highly qualified who were not prepared to formally participate in the search out of concern of public exposure. A lengthy discussion ensued, once again, on the components of an open search compared to a representational search. The committee unanimously supported a representational search and the co-chairs said that they would submit a request to the Chancellor for consideration by the SUNY Board of Trustees, as provided for in the SUNY search guidelines (see

[http://www.albany.edu/presidentialsearch/files/Guidelines\\_for\\_Presidential\\_Searches\\_Jan\\_24\\_2012.final.pdf](http://www.albany.edu/presidentialsearch/files/Guidelines_for_Presidential_Searches_Jan_24_2012.final.pdf)).

On June 13, the co-chairs were informed that the request had been approved. The committee is in the process of setting parameters to meet the goal of further reflecting the campus profile.

Sincerely,

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