

University at Albany
State University of New York
University Council
Minutes
August 15, 2012

The University Council held a special meeting on August 15, 2012, at which a quorum was present, at the State University System Administration Offices, SUNY Plaza in Albany to discuss the campus Presidential search. Members participating by video were at the SUNY Global Center, 116 55th Street, Manhattan. Members present were Daniel Tomson (Vice Chair/Presiding Officer), Pierre Alric, Robert Balachandran (by video), Patricia Caldwell (by video), James Jackson (by telephone), Abner JeanPierre, and Michael Stein.

The meeting was called to order at 2:00pm. Mr. Tomson informed the Council that the recent breach in confidentiality in the search required urgent action by the Council to insure the integrity of the search process, thus requiring a waiver of the seven day meeting notice requirement, under Section 356 of the Education Law. Upon motion duly made and seconded (Alric/Stein), the Council unanimously approved the waiver under these circumstances.

Mr. Tomson explained that this stage in the search process required the Council to consider the candidates identified by the search committee and discuss each candidate with the goal of recommending candidates to the Chancellor for her consideration and that of the SUNY Board of Trustees. Upon motion duly made and seconded (Stein/Alric), the Council voted to move into executive session at 2:10pm. During the executive session the Council considered the relative merits of each of the candidates whose names were submitted to it by the search committee. After further discussion, the Council, by acclamation, and in accordance with the SUNY Guidelines for Conducting Presidential Searches, identified acceptable candidates for submission to the Chancellor for consideration for the UAlbany presidency.

The executive session concluded at 4:10pm and, upon motion duly made and seconded (Stein/JeanPierre), the Council moved into open session. Mr. Tomson thanked the members for undertaking this major responsibility. Brief comments were offered by the members on the importance of this assignment and its potential outcome. Mr. Tomson said that he would report the results of the meeting to the Chancellor. There being no further business and upon motion duly made and seconded (Alric/JeanPierre) the meeting adjourned at 4:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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