

Presidential Search Advisory Committee Report

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Thursday, November 7, 2013, Carbondale Campus

The Presidential Search Advisory Committee (PSAC) convened for an initial review of policies and procedures. The committee consists of 21 members and is chaired by Board of Trustees (BOT) member, Donna Mannering. Attached is information taken directly from the public Presidential Search website about the position announcement, search committee members, and timeline. The site location is: <http://www.southernillinois.edu/pressearch/index.html>

The BOT has hired the following search firm:

**R. William Funk & Associates
100 Highland Park Village, Suite 200
Dallas, Texas 75230**

Nominations are encouraged and should go directly to Bill Funk who will be the firm's representative to the committee and BOT. Correspondence has been sent to SIU alums to encourage nominations.

This initial meeting was held to provide members with information, to allow introductions, and to tackle logistical issues. In addition, time was taken to familiarize the committee members on confidentiality issues and describe what occurs in both "open" and "closed" meetings of the committee. Committee members were also allowed to express what they hope to see in a successful presidential candidate.

Thursday, November 14, 2013, Edwardsville Campus

The second PSAC meeting was held immediately following an open forum that provided faculty, staff, students, and community members the opportunity to express their concerns and thoughts about the search. The committee discussed issues raised in the forum and reviewed preliminary findings of the survey sent to faculty, staff, and students earlier in the semester. Issues brought to light by the survey were not unusual: budgets, recruitment, retention, personnel reductions, etc. Response numbers with slightly above 4,000 or 10% which is normal for such instruments. Additional housekeeping issues were discussed. There are no candidates being discussed at this point. Bill Funk reported that they have received several nominations.

The next meeting will be held immediately following an open forum on the Carbondale campus (Student Center Ballrooms, Thursday, December 12, 11:30). You are encouraged to attend and participate in the open forum.