

Minutes

UWF Presidential Search Committee Meeting – Round One Interviews

UWF Conference Center, Bldg. 22

August 31, 2016

CHAIR’S WELCOME

Chair O’Sullivan welcomed everyone and thanked them for their attendance for the final day of round one candidate interviews.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Presidential Search Committee Chair Mort O’Sullivan called the meeting to order at 7:05 a.m. and asked Becky Luntsford to provide a roll call.

Present: Mort O’Sullivan, Wayne Ansley, Jason Crawford, Pam Dana, Dan Doyle, Jr., Athena du Pre’, Rick Harper, Clay Ingram, Steve Kass, Scott Keller, Eric Kollar, Collier Merrill, Jay Patel, Steve Riggs, Bentina Terry, Christopher Thrasher, Garrett Walton, Pat Wentz, and P. C. Wu.

K. C. Clark participated by phone.

INVITATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair O’Sullivan explained that time had been set aside to allow for public comments on matters coming before the Committee. He directed anyone who wanted to speak to complete a public comment form and provide to Becky Luntsford.

I. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair O’Sullivan asked Ms. Luntsford if there were any requests for public comment. There were two requests. Bill Caplinger and Marie-Therese Champagne made comments to the Committee.

II. REPORT FROM GREENWOOD/ASHER & ASSOCIATES, INC.

Chair O’Sullivan welcomed back the Greenwood/Asher & Associates consultants and asked them to provide an update.

Ms. Julie Holley stated the Search Committee had three remaining candidates to interview. She stated, just as in day one and two of round one interviews, she would provide information on each candidate prior to each interview. The Committee will be given twenty minutes to provide preliminary feedback following each candidate interview.

III. CANDIDATE INTERVIEWS

Presidential candidate Dr. Greg Jordan's interview began at 7:40 a.m. and ended at 8:40 a.m.

Presidential candidate Dr. Alan Utter's interview began at 9:00 a.m. and ended at 10:00 a.m.

Presidential candidate Dr. Adolfo Benavides' interview began at 10:20 a.m. and ended at 11:20 a.m.

At the completion of Dr. Benavides' interview, the Committee discussed which candidates would move forward for deep reference checks.

Chair O'Sullivan asked for a motion to reaffirm the Committee's decision to move Dr. Alan Utter on for deeper reference checking.

Motion by: Steve Riggs

Seconded by: Jay Patel

Motion passed unanimously.

Chair O'Sullivan stated that the committee, over the past three days, has agreed to move forward eight candidates for deeper referencing. The candidates are: Dr. Frank Ashley, Dr. James Applegate, Dr. Ronald Elsenbaumer, Dr. Bahman Ghorashi, Dr. Alan Utter, Dr. Martha Saunders, Dr. Mike Sherman and Senator Don Gaetz.

Chair O'Sullivan thanked the Committee members for their dedication over the past three days. He encouraged everyone to participate in the next meeting on Tuesday, September 6, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in the UWF Alumni Room. At that meeting, per the Timeline objectives, the Committee will review references to be provided by Greenwood/Asher & Associates and the Committee will select at least three unranked candidates for on-campus final interviews.

The Committee had lunch and participated in a search review.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Luntsford, Recording Secretary, UWF Board of Trustees