Minutes
UWF Presidential Search Committee Meeting
UWF Alumni Room, Bldg. 12
September 6, 2016

CHAIR’S WELCOME

Chair O’Sullivan welcomed everyone and thanked them for participating as the Committee moves forward in the Presidential Search process. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Presidential Search Committee Chair Mort O’Sullivan called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and asked Becky Luntsford to provide a roll call.


K. C. Clark, Dan Doyle, Jr. and Bentina Terry participated by phone.

Chair O’Sullivan stated that as the Presidential Search Timeline indicates, the objectives for the meeting were to review references provided by Greenwood/Asher & Associates and select at least three unranked candidates to invite back to campus for final interviews the following week.

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 seven requests.

Raid Amin, Theodore Fox, Jonathan Fink, Sherwood Lane Lambert, Daniel Pace, Ramie Gougeon and Bill Caplinger made public comments.

II. SEARCH FIRM UPDATE

Chair O’Sullivan invited Greenwood/Asher & Associates consultants to provide a search update and review.
Dr. Greenwood thanked the committee for working over the holiday weekend reviewing search materials.

III. REFERENCE REVIEW

Dr. Greenwood’s staff provided a list to the Committee with the list of round-one candidates who were moved forward for further deep referencing. Those who participated by phone did not have this list.

Dr. Greenwood asked Ms. Holley to report specific aspects from each candidate’s referencing to the Committee.

Dr. Greenwood answered questions as posed by the Committee regarding the candidates.

IV. SELECTION OF CANDIDATES FOR ON-CAMPUS INTERVIEWS

Following a short break, Chair O’Sullivan reconvened the Committee. He reminded the Committee that members are charged with providing three or more unranked candidates for a second visit on the campus. Chair O’Sullivan directed committee members to provide his or her input on three candidates whom they have good thoughts about inviting to campus for final interview. He explained this is not a formal vote, just input. Chair O’Sullivan asked the committee to provide their input one member at a time.

Jay Patel: Ghorashi, Gaetz, Saunders
Garrett Walton: Gaetz, Saunders, Sherman
Wayne Ansley: Gaetz, Saunders, Sherman
Jason Crawford: Saunders, Sherman, Elsenbaumer
Pam Dana: Utter, Saunders, Gaetz
Athena du Pre’: Saunders, Ashley, Utter
Rick Harper: Gaetz, Saunders, Sherman
Steve Kass: Applegate, Ashley, Utter
Scott Keller: Saunders, Sherman, Elsenbaumer
Eric Kollar: Ashley, Saunders, Sherman
Clay Ingram: Gaetz, Saunders, Sherman
Collier Merrill: Gaetz, Saunders, Sherman
Steve Riggs: Saunders, Gaetz, Sherman
Bentina Terry: Gaetz, Saunders, Sherman
Chair O’Sullivan asked for a show of hands of committee members who preferred to invite three candidates (Gaetz, Saunders, Sherman) to campus for final interviews.

Those in favor: Scott Keller; Jason Crawford; Wayne Ansley; Jay Patel; P. C. Wu; Steve Riggs; Clay Ingram and Collier Merrill. Eight were in favor.

Chair O’Sullivan asked for a show of hands of committee members who preferred to invite four candidates (Ashley, Gaetz, Saunders, Sherman) to campus for final interviews.

Those in favor: Eric Kollar; Bentina Terry; Pat Wentz; Christopher Thrasher; K. C. Clark; Dan Doyle, Jr.; Steve Kass; Rick Harper; Athena du Pre’ and Pam Dana. Ten were in favor.

Chair O’Sullivan and Garrett Walton did not raise their hands.

Garrett Walton made a motion to move forward with Ashley, Gaetz, Saunders and Sherman for final interviews.

Motion seconded by: K. C. Clark

Those in favor: Dan Doyle, Jr.; Garrett Walton; K. C. Clark; Jay Patel; Athena du Pre’; Clay Ingram; Wayne Ansley. Seven in favor.

Those opposed: Eric Kollar; Collier Merrill; Steve Riggs; Bentina Terry; Christopher Thrasher; Pat Wentz; Jason Crawford; P. C. Wu; Scott Keller; Steve Kass; Rick Harper; Mort O’Sullivan; Pam Dana;

Motion failed.

Collier Merrill made a motion to move forward with Gaetz, Saunders and Sherman and then have the committee discuss the fourth candidate.

Motion seconded by: Steve Riggs
Those in favor: Pam Dana; Wayne Ansley; Garrett Walton; Jay Patel; Clay Ingram; Collier Merrill and Steve Riggs. Seven in favor.

Those opposed: Eric Kollar; Bentina Terry; Christopher Thrasher; Pat Wentz; Jason Crawford; P. C. Wu; Scott Keller; Steve Kass; Rick Harper; Mort O’Sullivan; Dan Doyle, Jr.; K. C. Clark and Athena du Pre’. Thirteen opposed.

Motion failed.

Chair O’Sullivan asked committee members to state their choice of fourth candidate.

Jay Patel: Ashley
Garrett Walton: Ashley
Wayne Ansley: Ashley
Jason Crawford: Ashley
Pam Dana: Utter
Athena du Pre’: Ashley
Rick Harper: Elsenbaumer
Steve Kass: Ashley
Scott Keller: Ashley
Eric Kollar: Ashley
Clay Ingram: Ashley
Collier Merrill: Utter
Steve Riggs: Ghorashi
Bentina Terry: Elsenbaumer
Christopher Thrasher: Ashley
Pat Wentz: Ashley
P.C. Wu: Utter
Mort O’Sullivan: Ashley
K. C. Clark: Ashley
Dan Doyle, Jr.: Ashley
Chair O’Sullivan asked for a motion to move forward Saunders, Gaetz, Sherman and Ashley for final interviews.

Motion by: Garrett Walton
Seconded by: Jason Crawford

Those in favor: K. C. Clark; Dan Doyle, Jr.; Jay Patel; Garrett Walton; Wayne Ansley; Jason Crawford; Pam Dana; Rick Harper; Clay Ingram; Collier Merrill; Steve Riggs; Bentina Terry; P. C. Wu and Mort O’Sullivan. Fourteen in favor.

Those opposed: Athena du Pre’; Steve Kass; Scott Keller; Eric Kollar; Christopher Thrasher and Pat Wentz. Six opposed.

Motion passed.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

Chair O’Sullivan stated that once the final Candidate Interview Schedules were finalized, the staff will distribute to the Committee, the campus and the community and the schedules will be posted on the UWF Presidential Search website. He encouraged the committee members to attend as many of the meetings and events with all four candidates beginning Sunday, September 11 and continuing through Wednesday, September 14, 2016.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Becky Luntsford, Recording Secretary, UWF Board of Trustees