

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.

Present: Mort O’Sullivan, Wayne Ansley, Jason Crawford, Pam Dana, 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, 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

Christopher Thrasher: Saunders, Sherman, Ashley

Pat Wentz: Saunders, Applegate, Ashley

P.C. Wu: Gaetz, Saunders, Sherman,

Mort O'Sullivan: Gaetz, Saunders, Sherman

K. C. Clark: Ashley, Ghorashi, Gaetz

Dan Doyle, Jr.: Ashley, Applegate, Gaetz

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