

DATE: July 31, 2013

TO: Southeast Community College

FROM: Dr. Dale Kruse
Chair, Presidential Search Committee

RE: Announcement of Presidential Search (Progress Report #1)

I am pleased to inform you that the Southeast Community College Board of Governors has begun the search for the next President of the College, in anticipation of the June 2014 retirement of Dr. Jack Huck. The Board is committed to conducting an equitable, inclusive, and transparent national search that will attract a strong pool of presidential candidates.

This is one of the most important decisions we will make as it will influence the direction of the College for years to come. We have selected the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) to assist us with the presidential search process. ACCT has conducted over 400 community college searches and brings a wealth of expertise to our process. ACCT's mission is to strengthen community college governance through education, advocacy and service. Dr. Narcisa Polonio, Executive Vice President for Research, Education and Board Leadership Services, will coordinate the presidential search assisted by Julie Golder, J.D., Search Services Coordinator. Information pertaining to ACCT searches can be found at www.acctsearches.org.

Open Public Forums:

The next step in our process will be the development of the Presidential Profile. The Presidential Profile reflects the future direction of the College and the ideal characteristics of the new president. As a significant step in that process, three open public forums will be held on August 21 – 22, 2013. The forums will be open to all and will be facilitated by our ACCT Search Consultant, Julie Golder. All members of the College community and our service area communities are invited to participate in a free and wide-ranging discussion about the qualities and qualifications we are seeking in our new president. **I want to encourage everyone to attend these important forums.**

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The forum schedule is as follows:

Beatrice Campus:

Wednesday, August 21, 11:00 a.m. to Noon, Jackson Hall Conference Room

Lincoln Campus:

Wednesday, August 21, 2:00 to 3:00 p.m., Room V-103

Milford Campus:

Thursday, August 22, 11:00 a.m. to Noon, Dunlap Rooms A & B

I also want to encourage those who cannot attend the forums to feel free to contact Julie Golder, 202-775-4466 (office), 202-384-5816 (mobile), jgolder@acct.org and share with her your thoughts about what information should be included in the profile.

Advertisements:

We will undertake a comprehensive national search, seeking qualified candidates from local, state, and all regions of the country. ACCT will also provide recruiting services and promote the recruiting effort at their national meetings and programs. To assist with the process, advertisements will be placed in the *Chronicle for Higher Education* and other major publications.

Web Page:

The College's website will include information on all aspects of the search, both for the College community and for potential candidates. Shortly, we will post information pertaining to the search, including regular progress reports, on the College's website.

Presidential Search Committee:

Members of the Presidential Search Committee have been identified as follows:

- ❖ **Board of Governors:** Dale Kruse, Kathy Boellstorff, Helen Griffin, Lynn Schluckebier, Nancy Seim
- ❖ **Administration:** Bev Harvey
- ❖ **Faculty Association:** Randy Walbridge
- ❖ **Professional Association:** Nancy Holman
- ❖ **Support Staff:** David Renz
- ❖ **Student:** Cody Sharp (Lincoln Campus)

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Additional updates will follow as the search process progresses, so that the College community will be fully informed every step of the way. We welcome your active participation in this search process as we move forward toward the selection of our next president.

Should you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to reach out to me: Dr. Dale Kruse at dkruse@windstream.net, 402-239-5513 or to our ACCT Search Consultants: Dr. Narcisa Polonio at narcisa_polonio@acct.org, 202-276-1983(cell) or Julie Golder, J.D., jgolder@acct.org, 202-775-4474 (office), 202-384-5816 (cell).

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