PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH - FINALISTS

TO: Members of the Saint John’s University Community

FROM: Dr. Kenneth Roering, Chair, Presidential Search Committee

SUBJECT: Presidential Search Finalist Candidates

DATE: February 27, 2012

I am very pleased to inform the Saint John’s University community that our presidential search is well under way. I am writing to provide you with an update on the progress made since my last report to you a few weeks ago.

As you know from previous reports of the Presidential Search Committee, the final phase of our recruitment effort for the next President of Saint John’s includes an invitation to the finalist candidates to visit campus. We are close to finalizing our schedules for campus visits and at the bottom of this memo you will find a schedule of the events open to the campus community. We will provide the community with the name and resume for each of our three finalist candidates along with the specific schedule for each of their campus visits two days prior to each candidate’s visit. There are opportunities for various University constituent groups to meet with each of the candidates and we encourage all interested members of the campus community to participate where possible.

Please note that we have scheduled campus visits as follows:

- Candidate 1 – March 12 - 13
- Candidate 2 – March 15 - 16
- Candidate 3 – March 21 - 22

The purposes of these campus visits are two-fold. First, they will enable us to know the candidates better. Second, and perhaps more important, the visits will allow the candidates to become further acquainted with the Saint John’s University community.

Throughout the search process, the committee has pledged to protect the identity of the candidates. While we can no longer promise complete confidentiality to these finalists as they present themselves on campus, we urge you to bear in mind that each of them holds a significant position elsewhere. Members of the campus community are asked to not make personal inquiries about them outside of Saint John’s, but rather to communicate comments, questions, or concerns to the chair of the Search Committee.

In addition to the Search Committee's preliminary interviews with these candidates, we have had conversations with individuals who have worked with them and know them well. There is agreement within the Search Committee that these candidates are capable of providing effective leadership for Saint John’s University.
Following the campus visits, those of you who participated in the interview(s) will be asked to complete an on-line response form that will allow Academic Search to capture your feedback on each of the candidates. This information will be tabulated and shared with both the Search Committee and the Board of Regents as they deliberate on both the strengths and limitations of each candidate.

We are pleased with the progress of the search and look forward to this final phase. We anticipate that the Board of Regents will make its selection of the next Saint John’s president shortly after the finalists’ visits.

If you have any questions or concerns about this final phase of the search, please contact me at kroering@umn.edu.

Thank you for your continuing support and assistance.

**Candidate # 1 - March 12-13**
- Faculty Forum #1 – March 12, 3:30-4:30 (Alumni Lounge)
- Faculty Forum #2 – March 13, 10:30-11:30 (Alumni Lounge)
- Faculty Senate – March 12, 10:30-11:15 (TBD)
- Administrative & Support Staff Forum – March 13, 9:15-10:15 (Alumni Lounge)
- Student Forum – March 12, 5:00-6:00 (Pellegrene Auditorium)
- Community Forum (open to all) – March 13, 1:00-2:00 (Alumni Lounge)
- Community Reception (open to all) – March 13, 2:00-3:15 (Great Hall)

**Candidate # 2 - March 15-16**
- Faculty Forum #1 – March 15, 3:30-4:30 (Pellegrene Auditorium)
- Faculty Forum #2 – March 16, 10:30-11:30 (Quad 264)
- Faculty Senate – March 15, 10:30-11:15 (TBD)
- Administrative & Support Staff Forum – March 16, 9:15-10:15 (Quad 264)
- Student Forum – March 15, 5:00-6:00 (Pellegrene Auditorium)
- Community Forum (open to all) – March 16, 1:00-2:00 (Quad 264)
- Community Reception (open to all) – March 16, 2:00-3:15 (Great Hall)

**Candidate # 3 - March 21-22**
- Faculty Forum #1 – March 21, 3:30-4:30 (Pellegrene Auditorium)
- Faculty Forum #2 – March 22, 10:45-11:45 (Quad 264)
- Faculty Senate – March 22, 8:45-9:30 (TBD)
- Administrative & Support Staff Forum – March 22, 9:45-10:45 (Quad 264)
- Student Forum – March 21, 5:00-6:00 (Pellegrene Auditorium)
- Community Forum (open to all) – March 22, 1:00-2:00 (Quad 264)
- Community Reception (open to all) – March 22, 2:00-3:15 (Great Hall)