

To: Members of the Eastern Illinois University Community

From: Dr. Robert Webb, Chair, Presidential Search Advisory Committee

Re: Update on Search Activities

Date: November 11, 2006

The work of the Presidential Search Advisory Committee for Eastern Illinois University is off to a good start. The Search Committee held an organizational meeting on November 2, 2006, during which they received the Charge from the Board of Trustees, discussed a draft timetable for the search and learned more about our Search Consultant, Dr. Elaine H. Hairston of Academic Search Inc. in Washington, D.C.

We are fortunate to have a highly committed Search Committee who include:

Sara Amyx – Staff Senate representative
Sean Anderson – Student Body President
Roger Beck, Ph.D. – Faculty Senate representative
Steven Childers – EIU Foundation, President
Adam Due – Staff Senate representative
Angela Griffin – Community representative
Assegedetch HaileMariam, Ph.D. – Faculty Senate, Chair
Diane Hoadley, J.D. – Council of Deans representative
Roger Kratochvil – Board of Trustees
Jill Nilsen, Ph.D. – Vice Presidents representative
Kathleen O'Rourke, Ph.D. – Faculty Senate representative
David Radavich, Ph.D. – University Professionals of Illinois representative
Amanda Raz – Board of Trustees, student member
Robert Webb, Ed.D. – Board of Trustees
Leo Welch – Board of Trustees
Susan Young – Alumni representative
Cynthia Nichols, ex officio – Director of Civil Rights & Diversity

On November 7 and 8, 2006, Dr. Hairston visited EIU to meet with a broad array of groups across the campus to hear their views on the opportunities and challenges likely to be present for the next President. Dr. Hairston met with students, faculty, staff, alumni, foundation, administration as well as the Search Committee itself in this regard. The information provided by these groups will inform Dr. Hairston's draft of a Position Profile which will be considered by the Search Committee at its next meeting on November 21, 2006. The Position Profile will be used as the basis for ads and to recruit candidates.

We will update the campus community periodically as the work of the Search Committee progresses. We strongly encourage everyone to be an active participant in the search process by identifying outstanding individuals whom you believe would be excellent leaders of Eastern Illinois University. When the Position Profile is complete, an email address will be published where all nominations and applications may be sent.

Again, thanks for your interest in the future of Eastern Illinois University.

