The Council of Trustees and its Presidential Search Committee invite nominations and
expressions of interest for the position of 17th president of Slippery Rock University. It is
anticipated that the new president will take office July 2018.

In its 128-year history, SRU has transitioned from a normal school with the primary purpose
of training teachers, to a comprehensive regional public university offering 95 degree programs
(65 bachelor’s, 27 master’s and 3 doctoral) to almost 9,000 students. The University is firmly
rooted in its normal school heritage and characterized by a commitment to advancing students’
intellectual development and commitment to civic responsibility. **Because of its strong
financial position, growing enrollment and its commitment to providing a “Rock Solid”
education, it has won accolades from a wide range of national publications.** These
recognitions include a rising rank in *US News & World Report*, a listing in the 2016 *Princeton
Review*, a rating as “A Best Value Institution” by *Money* magazine, and recognition as a “2016-
2017 College of Distinction” and in the Top 50 of “America’s Best Small Town Colleges.”
Additionally, it has been applauded by *The Chronicle of Higher Education* six times as a “Great
College to Work For.”

SRU is a proud member of Pennsylvania’s State System of Higher Education. The president is
the institution’s chief executive, reporting to the Board of Governors of the State System
through the Chancellor. The president works closely with the University’s Council of Trustees
regarding university policy and fiduciary matters.

**SRU launches this search from a position of strength.** In the past five years, the strategic
plan and administrative structure of the University have been revised to support its newly
crafted mission and vision. Once known as a premier residential college, Slippery Rock now
has branched out to provide new graduate programs, online programming, off-site instruction
and international partnerships. Fifteen new academic programs have been introduced since
2013.

As of fall 2016, enrollment stood at 8,881 students. It was the largest enrollment in the
institution’s history. 7,664 undergraduates and 1,217 graduate students study in four colleges:
the College of Business, the College of Education, the College of Health, Environment and
Science, and the College of Liberal Arts. SRU boasts a student to faculty ratio of 22:1, freshman
to sophomore year retention of 82.6 percent and a six-year graduation rate of 68.3 percent. In
2016-17, the first Barry Goldwater Scholar was selected.
SRU’s beautiful 650-acre campus is located in the rolling hills of western Pennsylvania, less than an hour north of Pittsburgh, in the borough of Slippery Rock, a safe and friendly community of approximately 3,000 people. The University has two additional locations, one at the Regional Learning Alliance, an educational center near Pittsburgh, and the second at the Harrisville Building, a health education facility in nearby Harrisville, Pennsylvania.

Having successfully navigated recent fiscal storms with prudent and strategic curricular development, the University seeks a leader who will build on its current strengths and advance its mission. It is in this context that the University seeks a leader, who not only possesses an earned doctorate or equivalent terminal degree, but also has a documented history of significant and successful senior leadership experience with a demonstrated ability to act decisively and strategically to effect positive change. The next president will be an eager fundraiser who has an open and collaborative leadership style, a passion for advocacy and brand building and enjoys being a visible, student-centered leader.


Nominations, expressions of interest and applications are invited. A review of applications will begin immediately and continue until an appointment is made. To assure full consideration, applications should be received by December 22, 2017 and include a letter of interest, curriculum vitae and five professional references with email addresses and telephone numbers. References will not be contacted without prior authorization from the applicant. Applications should be sent electronically (MS Word or PDF) to SRUpres@agbsearch.com.

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