

SRU to welcome fourth of five candidates for president Feb. 14-15

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SLIPPERY ROCK, Pa. – The Slippery Rock University Presidential Search Committee will welcome James Strong, the fourth of five candidates for president of the University, Feb. 14-15.

Strong, a professor of marketing at California State University Stanislaus, previously served CSU Stanislaus as the provost and vice president for academic affairs (2010-16).

He is the former dean of the College of Business and Public Policy at CSU Dominguez Hills (2003-10) and served as associate dean of the College of Business Administration at The University of Akron (1997-2002).

In addition to his years of administrative experience in higher education, Strong has a documented teaching and publication record achieved during three years as an assistant professor at Rowan University and 14 years as a faculty member at The University of Akron. He also has eight years of management experience in the private sector.

Strong received a Ph.D. in marketing and organizational behavior from Drexel University; an MBA from the University of Toledo; and a bachelor's degree in English from Lafayette College.

The remaining candidate invited for a campus interview is:

-Rodney Hanley, provost and vice president of academic affairs, Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee. Hanley will interview Feb. 15-16.

Candidate CVs will be available in advance of their interview on this page via a link beneath each candidate's photo.

People will have 24 hours following each interview to provide feedback to the Search Committee via an electronic survey managed by the search firm. Those surveys will be accessible via a "Provide feedback" link that will also appear beneath each candidate's photo on this page.

The Search Committee will meet Feb. 19 for the purpose of selecting two candidates to recommend to SRU's council of trustees. The COT has scheduled a special meeting Feb. 23 to review the recommendations. If approved by the COT, those names will then be forwarded to Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education board of governors, who will interview the candidates and select the next president. The COT meeting is open to the public.

Day 1

The evening prior to the interview, candidates (including spouse/partner) will tour the president's residence; meet with the Academic and Student Affairs Executive Council; the Presidential Search Committee; and attend a reception at the president's residence.

Day 2

8-8:30 a.m.	300 Old Main	Breakfast w/president's staff
8:30-9:30 a.m.	304 Old Main	President's Council
9:30-10:30 a.m.	Alumni House	Non-faculty union leadership/staff
10:30-11:30 a.m.	Alumni House	Managers
11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Campus	Tour
12:45-1:45 p.m.	SSC 324/SSC 320*	Lunch with student leaders
2-3 p.m.	SSC Theatre or Ballroom*	Faculty/APSCUF leadership
3:15-4:30 p.m.	SSC Theatre or Ballroom*	Open campus forum
4:30-5:30 p.m.	SSC Theatre or Ballroom*	Open student session
7:30-9 p.m.	TBD	Dinner with Search Chair

(*Alternate location for Feb. 16)