

SRU to welcome final candidate for president Feb. 15-16

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SLIPPERY ROCK, Pa. – The Slippery Rock University Presidential Search Committee will welcome Rodney Hanley, the fifth of five candidates for president of the University, Feb. 15-16.

Hanley has served as the provost and vice president for academic affairs at Fisk since 2014. In that role, he serves as the chief academic and administrative officer in charge of all aspects of academic and student life. He has had daily experiences in leading the academic mission, financial and research planning, unit reviews, faculty relations, accreditation processes, and student relations for the institution. Prior to Fisk, Hanley was provost and vice-president (academic) at Lakehead University in Thunder Bay, Ontario; dean of science at the University of Winnipeg; and a faculty member and chair of the Department of Earth System Science and Policy at the University of North Dakota.

Hanley's career in academia spans more than 29 years, including experience as a professor, department chair, dean and provost.

He earned degrees from the University of Kansas (Ph.D., biology), the University of Cambridge (master's degree, sustainability leadership) and Eastern Illinois University (master's and bachelor's degrees, environmental biology).

Hanley's teaching experience includes courses both at the undergraduate and graduate levels, including entomology, environmental science, biology, environmental communication and biogeography. He has more than 90 peer-reviewed publications and professional presentations and he has obtained more than \$100 million in research grants, fundraising awards and donations. Hanley has significant experience in strategic and academic planning, budget development, fundraising, union and government relations.

He has extensive research and administrative experience in a wide variety of areas, including sustainability, social justice, and diversity within higher education. Hanley's projects include the operation of a NASA research jet that flew around the globe collecting measurements associated with ozone depletion, climate change, and extreme weather patterns; the engineering and installation of a custom built camera onto the International Space Station that provides near-to-real-time images to growers to aid in precision farming practices; and the development of the first new law school in Ontario in more than 43 years at Lakehead University.

Hanley has also made outreach to traditionally underrepresented students and minorities and their success in higher education a top priority in his work. To this end, he has led many successful initiatives, including the Fisk-Vanderbilt Master's-to-Ph.D.

Bridge Program. Through this program, Fisk University is now the United States largest producer of African-American students with master's degrees in physics; and Vanderbilt is the largest producer of minority scholars receiving doctorates in astronomy, physics and materials science. The program is a national model for mentoring women and underrepresented minority graduate students and is being emulated by Columbia University, the University of Michigan, MIT and the American Physical Society.

Originally from Decatur, Illinois, Hanley is a military veteran having served in the Persian Gulf War as part of the U.S. Army and the Illinois Army National Guard.

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 his 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 Hanley'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)