

## **SRU Presidential Search Committee resumes work**

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**SLIPPERY ROCK, Pa.** – Slippery Rock University's reconstituted Presidential Search Committee has been approved by Karen Whitney, interim chancellor of Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education and is in the process of selecting SRU's next president.

Membership on the committee is prescribed by Pennsylvania's State System Board of Governors Policy Section 1983-13-A: Process for Recommending a Presidential Appointment.

"I find the reconstituted search committee list you presented to be in compliance with the Board policy regarding the search procedure and committee membership, Section B.2.a & b., and extend approval for the committee to proceed with the presidential search for Slippery Rock University," said Whitney.

Advertisements seeking candidates for the position of president of SRU were run nationally in November and December and drew 57 applicants by the December 31 deadline.

"This was a nationwide search and the applicant pool demonstrated the breadth of the search," said Jeff Smith, SRU trustee and Search Chair. "I am confident that our committee will be able to recommend two excellent candidates."

In order to keep the process moving forward during the University's break, each committee member agreed to individually review the applications and submit a list of their top 10 candidates to search consultant JoAnn Gora, AGB Search, by January 7.

"Dr. Gora will consolidate the lists and provide the Search Committee with a summary when we meet January 12. At that time, we'll determine which of the candidates the Presidential Search Committee will interview," Smith said. Those interviews, Smith said, would take place off-campus in late January or early February. Based on those interviews, a smaller group of candidates would be invited to campus for formal interviews.

"Once those interviews are complete and the Search Committee has received feedback from the various groups, it will recommend two candidates to the SRU council of trustees for their approval," Smith said. The COT in turn submits the recommended candidates to Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education's board of governors. The BOG will interview the recommended candidates and select the University president.

AGB Search, founded in 2010 by the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges, is assisting the University in its search to find a successor to former President Cheryl who retired in July 2017. The firm is headquartered in Washington, D.C.