

ARIZONA BOARD OF REGENTS
Minutes of the Northern Arizona University
Presidential Search Advisory Committee
Friday, October 16, 2020

A meeting of the Northern Arizona University Presidential Search Advisory Committee was held virtually on Friday, October 16, 2020.

Members present via video: Regent Fred DuVal, Co-Chair, Regent Lyndel Manson, Co-Chair, Chris Bavasi, Jesus Colmenares, K. Laurie Dickson, Dominic Dominguez, Cathryn Ellis, Peter Fulè, Regent Kathryn Hackett King, Ora Marek-Martinez, Ramona Mellott, Steve Palmer, Kai Simson and Denise TrimbleSmith

Also present via video from the board office Executive Director John Arnold, Jennifer Pollock, Samantha Blevins, Chad Sampson, Tom Merriam, Monica Simental, Debbie Sale Lia Foy and Suzanne Templin; Closed Captioners: Nicole Flaherty and Dave Wallenhaup.

All lists, reports, summaries, background material and other documents referred to in the minutes can be found in the October 16, 2020 Document File.

CALL TO ORDER, WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND OPENING REMARKS FROM REGENT DUVAL AND REGENT MANSON

The meeting was called to order on Friday, October 16, 2020 at 2:02 p.m.

Regent DuVal welcomed the committee members and thanked them for agreeing to participate on the advisory committee. Regent DuVal reported that the board office is working on finalizing the selection of a search consultant and the selected consultant will be at the next committee meeting. The regents are committed to an open and deliberate search process. The board has a dedicated page on its website for information and feedback on presidential search.

Draft Arizona Board of Regents Vision for Northern Arizona University (Item 1)

The committee discussed the draft Arizona Board of Regents vision for Northern Arizona University.

Committee members suggested and discussed the following:

- Healthcare in Northern Arizona University
- Highlighting students (1st generation, under represented students - students of color, diverse student population)
- Institution and equity aspiration to equity and justice oriented
- Online / statewide presence
- Access oriented
- Comprehensive university with a diverse population
- Internationally recognized
- Relation with community colleges
- Reflect NAU's history (Education being the foundation)

- Vision similar to previous mission/vision statement
- University strives to connect students with the outside communities and foster collaboration between academic and professional communities

Regent Manson thanked the committee for their input.

Discussion and Input on the Draft NAU Presidential Search Leadership Characteristics (Item 2)

The committee discussed and provided input on the draft NAU Presidential search leadership characteristics.

Committee members suggested the following:

- Reorganize to group characteristics
- Executive and Leadership experience in higher education
- Experience in Economic Development
- Demonstrate positive experience
- Include representation of a diverse faculty, staff and students
- Experience in Education
- Foster collaboration between different programs
- Ability to build on NAU's commitment to Native Americans

Regent Manson thanked the committee for their input and they will review all the items discussed and work on updating the Leadership Characteristics.

Discussion and Input on Community Engagement and Interaction (Item 3)

The committee discussed and provided input on community engagement and interaction. Regent DuVal reported that they are in the listening phase of the search and are gathering as much information as possible to find the right fit for NAU. A Town Hall is being scheduled and some members may be asked to participate. A web portal is available on the ABOR website that allows individuals to provide their input.

Regent Manson stressed that is important for this committee to be transparent in their activities and protect the confidentiality of those potential prospects for the presidency. Process are in place to inform the university, community and policy makers about the progress of the search until a final decision is made and the committee will adhere closely to Arizona's Open Meeting and Public Records Laws and confidentiality requirements pertaining to the search process. ABOR's legal counsel and staff will help guide the committee through this process.

Upon motion by Laurie Dickson, seconded by Kai Simson, the committee approved convening in executive session. Regent Fred DuVal, Regent Lyndel Manson, Chris Bavasi, Jersus Colmenares, K. Laurie Dickson, Dominic Dominguez, Cathryn Ellis, Peter Fulè, Regent Kathryn Hackett King, Ora Marek-Martinez, Ramona Mellott, Steve Palmer and Kai

Simson voted in favor. None opposed and none abstained. Denise TrimbleSmith did not vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The board recessed at 2:55 p.m. and convened in executive session at 2:58 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:37 p.m.

Submitted by:

Suzanne Templin
Secretary to the Board