
I. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Dr. Solomon Badger, Chairman

Dr. Badger called the meeting to order and asked Attorney Barge-Miles to call the roll. A quorum was established.

The first order of business was to hear a report from the Presidential Search Committee. Trustee White was recognized to present the report.

Trustee White stated that for the past year the Presidential Search Committee was tasked with bringing forth qualified candidates to the Board. The Search Committee reviewed the applications and interviewed four candidates in Orlando on Monday, January 6, 2014. The Committee narrowed the pool to two finalists, that will be interviewed by the Board. Those finalists are Dr. Elmira Mangum, Vice President for Budget and Planning at Cornell University and Dr. John Ellis Price, former founding President of University of North Texas at Dallas.

Trustee White recognized Ms. Marion Frenche, a consultant with Greenwood/Asher and Associates, Inc., the executive search and consulting firm that assisted with the presidential search. Ms. Frenche pointed out that the Board was provided the written materials submitted by the two finalists, sample questions, the job description and a spreadsheet with information on each candidate. She stated that each candidate would be interviewed by the Board, after the interview the Board will take a short break to review the next candidate’s information, and then the second candidate would be interviewed. Ms. Frenche explained that the Board was provided two forms, the criteria checklist, which focuses on leadership and vision, resource development, and management. The other form should be used to identify the candidate’s strengths that were observed. The Board agreed to ask specific core questions and then agreed that other questions could also be asked of the candidates. It also allowed time for the candidate to ask questions of the Board.
Dr. Badger welcomed the first candidate, Dr. Elmira Mangum. Dr. Mangum provided an introductory statement and completed her interview with the Board.

Dr. Badger then welcomed the second candidate, Dr. John Ellis Price. Dr. Price introduced himself and completed his interview with the Board.

At the conclusion of the interviews, the Board meeting went into recess and the Board held its committee meetings.