

**Summary of the November 14, 2013  
Southern Illinois University  
Presidential Search Advisory Committee Meeting**

The SIU Presidential Search Advisory Committee (PSAC) met at SIU Edwardsville on November 14, 2013. The PSAC consists of twenty-four representatives from constituency groups including faculty, staff, union, students, SIU Board of Trustees and community leaders from the Medical School, SIUE and SIUC.

Prior to the meeting, PSAC members attended an Open Forum where the public was invited to share their thoughts and ideas regarding the qualities and characteristics required in a new President. Committee members discussed the input provided by the speakers.

Ideas for improving the Open Forum at SIUC were discussed and will be implemented.

The Committee also discussed the results of the survey distributed to 40,000 students, faculty and staff. The survey basically asked participants to share their ideas regarding the characteristics and qualifications that a new SIU President should possess and also some of the challenges that the new President might encounter. Applied Research Consultants (ARC), a group from the SIUC Psychology Department, distributed the survey via email and analyzed the results. Categories and themes that emerged from the responses were noted. These themes, along with Open Forum comments, will help to provide guidance in developing a checklist to use when evaluating presidential candidates.

PSAC members met Bill Funk from R. William Funk and Associates, the firm selected to work with the Committee and the Board of Trustees in selecting the next President.

Donna Manering, PSAC chair, reported that letters and emails were sent to contributors and alumni outlining the selection process and asking for nominations for the SIU President position. Bill Funk indicated that the letters have increased the number of nominations that the firm has received regarding the position.

The SIUC Open Forum will be held on December 12, at 11:30 in the Student Center Ballroom, Ballroom B. The forum is open to all individuals and will provide speakers the opportunity to share the attributes and qualifications they believe are necessary for a new President to possess. The PSAC will meet following the forum.