

To: Saint Mary's University of Minnesota community

From: Mary Ann Remick
Chair, Presidential Search Committee

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Re: Presidential Search Update

On behalf of the Presidential Search Committee, I am writing to update the university community regarding the presidential search process, which we launched this spring.

Pursuant to the directive from the Board of Trustees, a request for proposal was drafted and submitted to seven higher education executive/presidential search firms. Six firms submitted proposals in response to the request for proposal. The committee received those responses in late April 2007.

At its first meeting on April 30, 2007, the committee reviewed the proposals from the six firms and selected two finalists. The committee interviewed the finalists on May 9, 2007 and May 16, 2007. Reference checks were then conducted.

The committee is pleased to announce the university has retained the services of R. H. Perry & Associates to serve as search counsel for the presidential search. The firm has had as its single focus assisting colleges and universities in identifying and selecting leadership. Since 1993, the firm has completed 43 presidential and 50 senior level administrative officer searches for 55 Catholic institutions. Allen E. Koenig, Ph.D., will serve as the consultant for the search. Dr. Koenig is a former university president with many years of experience with presidential searches at public and private universities and colleges. He will be assisted in the search by Robert H. Perry. Mr. Perry is President of R. H. Perry & Associates. The committee is pleased to have Dr. Koenig and Mr. Perry join the university in this important endeavor.

The committee will next meet on June 25, 2007. At that meeting, a search plan process and timeline will be created. The committee will keep the campus community updated.

Meanwhile, a presidential search website has been created. Updates and information will be posted there on a regular basis. The address for the website is <http://www.smumn.edu/sitepages/pid3183.php>.