

Presidential search thrusts forward

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After the Board of Trustees approved the Position Description, Rider's presidential search could take the next step forward in the right direction.

The Board reviewed and agreed on four or five criteria that are of the highest priority to members of the campus community, now considered to be the Position Description, which will be required for the next president to behold.

The list was developed in a series of on-campus forums with students, faculty and staff, according to Paul Lang, chair of the Board of Trustees and Presidential search committee.

"Each group was given an opportunity to highlight those skills they considered to be most important for Rider's next president," said Lang. "The Presidential search committee, along with Korn/Ferry International (KFI) consolidated the input for presentation to the Board of Trustees."

According to the description the following criteria had particular consensus on both campuses: a leader with a genuine commitment to students' interests, needs and concerns; a person of stature able to act as the principal public spokesperson for Rider; a leader who has the capacity to develop significant resources through fundraising, community relations; a professional with substantial leadership skills; and a person with an appreciation for the distinctiveness of an arts-related institution.

According to Lang, KFI will use the description to look for people in various fields who have the ability to fill the position of the University's president.

"They [KFI] have some significant number of people who have expressed interest," said Lang.

They will also be looking elsewhere for people who meet the criteria but who might not be looking for a job. This, according to Lang, is similar to other recruitment methods.

Lang is pleased with the work put into the search for the president and everyone's hard work and involvement.

KORN/FERRY INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVE SEARCH POSITION SPECIFICATION

POSITION:

- As chief executive officer of Rider University, the president works in close consultation with the Board of Trustees and with a wide range of internal and external constituencies to provide overall leadership and direction for both of Rider University's campuses.

- The Rider community looks forward to an incoming president who represents a significant number of appealing characteristics and core competencies. In recent open meetings designed to identify desirable criteria, the following descriptions had particular consensus on both campuses:

- A leader with a genuine commitment to students' interests, needs, and concerns. Experience dealing with admission and retention issues is highly desirable;

- A person of stature able to act as the principal public spokesperson for Rider University's two campuses to the higher education community, the State, and the general public by maintaining visibility and articulating a clear vision designed to further the institutional mission;

- The capacity to develop significant resources on behalf of an organization through effective fundraising, community relations, corporate contacts, alumni relations, and political outreach;

- A professional with substantial leadership or administrative experience derived from managing complex organizations within higher education, the private sector, the public sector, or some combination of these;

- A manager whose skills include the financial acumen necessary for a complex, changing and growing university organization ; and

- A person with an appreciation for the distinctiveness of an arts-related institution.

Courtesy of Rider.edu

Presidential search Position Description, which was compiled by Korn/Ferry International from various student and faculty input. This document outlines the qualifications an applicant must have for the position.

"What I am most pleased with is that KFI has reported that they have a significant number of talented people who have expressed interest and who are of high stature," said Lang.

According to Lang, this is good news for Rider.

"Not only does this give us a wide-variety of candidates to choose from, but it also shows that people in various industries have a lot of respect for Rider," he said.

Once KFI has assembled a list of qualified and interested candidates, the Presidential Search Committee will begin to review to narrow the list down to candidates whom they wish to further evaluate, according to Lang. This process will continue of the next 60 days.

The description, along with other information regarding the presidential search, is located on the Rider website.

SEC working hard towards self-improvement

By Jess Adams
Staff Writer

"You decide, we provide," has been the ongoing motto of Rider's Student Entertainment Council. SEC has always been the link between the students and entertainment on and off-campus.

The group is responsible for organizing weekend movies, concerts (such as the upcoming trip to New York City to see the American Idol Tour), Midnight MAACness, food fests, comedians and guest speakers. They will even run one of the many Bronc Buffets held at Daly's on November 1.

Up until recently, SEC has been composed of only the main executive board. The small, select group, would decide and provide the entertainment for the entire campus on their own.

This year, however, SEC has begun to incorporate a general board into their organization as well. The general board members attend the weekly meetings which were reserved for executive board members until now. At the meetings, the upcoming events are discussed, participation is encouraged and suggestions for other possible trips and events are taken.

"We've never had a general board before. We want

to be able to get everyone involved in programming so there's something for everyone," said Elisa Prospero, special events co-chair. "We're opening ourselves up and reaching out more to get more feedback."

SEC meetings are held on Monday nights at 10 P.M. in the Fireside Lounge in the Student Center. To become an official member, one must attend three consecutive meetings and then, as a member, must attend three out of four each month to remain an active member.

The SEC board hopes that this new breach in their former ways will bring an even more positive attitude toward the group.

"We want to create more of a group atmosphere. Everything starts from the core and works its way out," said SEC President Joe Abel. "We're even reaching out to faculty. We are creating an opportunity for people to get involved. It's a great way for freshman to get involved."

Besides reworking the structure of their board, SEC has also re-worked their budget. This year they hope to improve programming and categorize better ways to cater to traditions and events that the student body wants.

"We want to have money set aside to carry out certain traditions and make them the best they can be," said Tara Christopher, SEC vice president.

Among the activities that SEC has set money aside for will be their sponsoring of four sporting events. The organization will provide food and public relations for the sporting event.

SEC is one of the many organizations that tries to keep life on campus from becoming dull and dreary. The board members work hard to improve life here at Rider for all residents and commuting students while showing great enthusiasm in their work.

"We have 18 leaders and role models from around campus. When we put them on a board together it is bound to be successful," said Nancy Capasso, SEC community out-reach co-chair. "Without a successful board, entertainment would not happen."

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