

As Chair of the Screening Committee for Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, I would like to provide our campus with an update on the committee's progress and our finalists.

Over the past three to four months, the Screening Committee has reviewed a number of applicants for the position. The pool of applicants was wide reaching, applicants came from a variety of disciplines, geographical areas, and backgrounds and characteristics. In mid-December, our screening committee narrowed the applicants down and interviewed seven candidates by distance. From those seven, the committee has now narrowed the finalists down to three who will visit campus.

We are pleased to announce that the three finalists have been invited to campus next week for on-campus interviews. All three campus interviews will be scheduled during the week of January 27th through January 31st.

Each candidate will meet with academic chairs, deans and direct reports to the provost, faculty, staff, and student constituency executive committees, and the provost search committee. Furthermore, each candidate will conduct a campus presentation open to the campus community. The campus presentation will be held in the Adron Doran University Center Cartee Family Theater (ADUC 144). Each candidate's presentation will be from 1:30 pm-2:30 pm on the following dates; January 27, January 29 and January 31. (Note: the Theater is being used instead of Button Auditorium due to the quality of the microphone and screen, and for the ability of each candidate to respond to any questions from the audience. Seating in the Theater is limited to the first 130.)

Each finalist has confirmed their approval for their name and CV to be posted publically on the Provost Search website at <https://www.moreheadstate.edu/ProvostSearch> beginning on the afternoon of Thursday, January 23rd.

Evaluation forms for each candidate in each forum will be available at each session and campus presentation. We invite your feedback during this process. The search committee would like to thank the MSU community for its interest and participation in the search for our next Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs.

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