

University of Southern Maine
Presidential Search Committee
October 10, 2007
Committee Notes

Members Present: Trustee Wishcamper, chair
Henry Amoroso Jeanne Hulit
A. J. Chalifour Dahlia Lynn
Tara Coste Heather Monroe
Jim Dowe Devinder Malhotra
Jean Flahive Misha Mytar
Stephen Houser Rick Vail

Consultant and Staff: Dr. James Appleberry
Tracy Bigney
Judy Ryan

The meeting was called to order by Trustee Wishcamper, chair.

Search consultant James Appleberry noted that we received an unusually large number of candidates and that we have a strong pool. Additional applications that come in will be reviewed at the next meeting. If they are to be added, they have to be the quality of those in the group at that time. If we select additional candidates, we will conduct reference checks and the chair will determine whether to add them to the neutral site visits.

On the motion of Jim Dowe, seconded by Heather Monroe, the committee went into executive session in accordance with the provisions of 1 MRSA, section 405 #6A to discuss personnel matters. The executive session was ended on the motion of Jim Dowe seconded by Tara Coste.

During the course of the search the committee learned that a potential candidate had contacted individual members of the committee. Upon learning of this the search consultant had a discussion with the potential candidate who cancelled all further contacts. In response the committee passed the following resolution, as moved by Joe Wishcamper and seconded by Jeanne Hulit: The committee clarifies its ethics policy to state that members are prohibited from engaging in discussion with candidates or potential candidates about their candidacy without advance approval of James Appleberry. The motion carried unanimously.

Devinder Malhotra moved that candidates numbered 9, 13, 20, 23, 28, 34, 40, 41, 42, 45, 46, 49, 53, 54, 58, 69 and 73 be moved forward for reference checking. The motion was seconded by Heather Monroe and passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30

Next meeting, October 26, 3 – 5 pm.