

**THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE  
COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

**COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE LISTENING SESSION**

**Colorado State University System Office  
475 17th Street, 7th Floor, Denver, CO 80202**

**November 14, 2018**

**ATTENDANCE**

**Search Advisory Committee Members Present:** Nancy Tuor, Chair; Jane Robbe Rhodes, Board of Governors; Bill Mosher, Board of Governors; Dr. Margarita Lenk, Faculty Representative to the Board of Governors; Tristan Syron, ASCSU President and Student Representative to the Board of Governors; Tiffani Kelly, Administrative Professional Representative; Dave Edwards, Community/Donor Representative; Wade Troxell, Engineering and Mayor of the City of Fort Collins (by telephone); and Dr. Albert Bimper, Jr. (by telephone)

**Search Advisory Committee Members Absent:** Kim Jordan, Board of Governors; Steve Gabel, Board of Governors; Dr. Blanche Hughes, Cabinet Representative; Diana Wall, University Distinguished Professor; Mark Stetter, Dean and CVMBS Representative; Anselma Lopez, Classified Personnel Representative; and Denise Favela Apodaca, Faculty Representative

**Staff and Administrators Present:** Mike Hooker, CSU Director of Public Affairs and Communications; Henry Sobanet, CSU System CFO; Melanie Geary, Executive Assistant; Jason Johnson, General Counsel, CSU System; Adam Fedrid, IT Technician; and Sharon Teufel, Executive Assistant to the General Counsel

**Guests Present:** Danita Ordaz; Brett Anderson; Jim Ehrlich; Alison Anson; Trina Hoffer; Kerri Platais; Corey Slack; and other guests.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Search Advisory Committee Chair Nancy Tour called the meeting to order at 2:15 p.m.

Chair Tour began the meeting by talking about the purpose of the listening sessions for the Search Advisory Committee, as well as the process that is being followed, the types of information and feedback that the Search Advisory Committee is interested in hearing, along with a description of the search process. Chair Tour also talked about the incredible success and achievements at Colorado State University over the past ten years, how to build upon that decade of success, those things that excite you about CSU's future, things that are concerning, as well as the skills, character and values that the next President should have to be successful.

Each member of the Search Advisory Committee gave an introduction and talked about their reasons for serving on the committee.

Chair Tour also talked about the search firm that has been retained, Parker Executive Search.

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## **PUBLIC INPUT DURING THE LISTENING SESSION**

The persons who attended the listening session provided the following input to the Search Advisory Committee about the desired qualities, issues, and opportunities facing the next President at Colorado State University:

- Making sure that research is a priority with the new President, as research is something that CSU does well. Important to bring together all parts of the state, and engaging in more research in rural areas. Important to continue our tradition as a leader in environmental and sustainability issues.
- Potato growers in San Luis Valley. Important that the new President must be immersed in agriculture, and Dr. Frank has turned this into a positive for the university. Important to pay attention to the situations and environment in rural Colorado, particularly in the San Luis Valley. Beneficial to create opportunities for rural agriculture. Continue transparency, honesty, and it would be great for the new President to have a background in agriculture.
- Focus on CSU's role internationally, and how we use the lessons learned locally and translate those for our international mission. It would be positive for CSU to play a more active role internationally. This could help our students understand their role in the bigger picture.
- Would like a President that can deal in an “and situation” not an “or situation” – by having the ability to work on our statewide presence and internationally, for example. Important to expand CSU's access mission with a focus on high achieving students, in addition to our current access programs. Key to gain ground in Denver in key metrics – top of mind awareness and willingness to recommend – as we made some positive progress in those metrics and we need to put an emphasis on the Denver market.
- Appreciate Dr. Frank's empathy and his ability to empathize with students and student communities. The President needs to be able to relate and connect with students, and that connection is important. Dr. Frank has had the ability to impact and affect so many different sectors and that should continue with the new President.
- The importance of character and values and how that has impacted the campus.

The Search Advisory Committee members thanked the audience and the participants for sharing their thoughts and perspectives.

The listening session ended at 2:36 p.m.