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As search committee co-chairs we are pleased to announce that five candidates to become the next Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Ferris State University have been invited to interview on campus. We invite and encourage all Ferris faculty, staff and students to meet, interact with, and participate in open question and answer sessions with these candidates.

The five finalists, listed in the order that they will visit the Big Rapids campus in late January and early February are

- Dr. Karl R. Kunkel, Tuesday and Wednesday, Jan. 20 and 21
- Dr. Michael R. Stevenson, Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 26 and 27
- Dr. Michael J. Licari, Thursday and Friday, Jan. 29 and 30
- Dr. Jacqueline El-Sayed, Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 2 and 3
- Dr. Elizabeth A. Throop, Thursday and Friday, Feb. 5 and 6

In addition to the open sessions, the candidates will be meeting with students, union and senate leaders, deans, Academic Affairs staff, associate provosts, the Presidents Council, the President and the search committee.

The Provost search attracted a large pool of more than 65 candidates. Together with our colleagues on the search committee, we believe this is an outstanding group of finalists. Biographical sketches for the finalists are listed below:

* Karl R. Kunkel is dean of the College of Arts and professor of sociology and justice studies at Pittsburg State University. Kunkel earned his Ph.D., master's, and bachelor's degrees in sociology from the University of Missouri-Columbia. He is also a professor of sociology and justice studies at PSU. Previously, he was department head for sociology, anthropology and criminology at Missouri State University, 2003-11; professor of sociology and criminology, also at MSU, from 2003-11; acting department head, Southwest Missouri State University, in 2003; associate professor of sociology, at SMSU, from 1997 through 2003; and assistant professor of sociology, SMSU (now Missouri State University), 1994-97. He was also associate professor of sociology at Morehead State University, 1993-94, and assistant professor of sociology at Morehead State, from 1989-93.

* Michael R. Stevenson is senior fellow for academic affairs at the University of Maine System. Stevenson holds Ph.D. and master's degrees in developmental psychology from Purdue University, and a bachelor's with distinction, also from Purdue. From 2012 through 2014, he was provost and vice president of Academic Affairs at the University of Southern Maine. He was dean of the College of Social and Behavior Sciences at Northern Arizona University from 2007-12, and assistant to the president for institutional diversity and associate provost at Miami University from 2005-07. He also held positions as interim chair of the department of psychological science at Ball State University; director of the Diversity Policy Institute at BSU; and was a senior congressional fellow in the Office of Senator Paul Simon.

* Michael J. Licari is interim provost and executive vice president for academic affairs at the University of Northern Iowa. Licari earned his Ph.D. and master's degrees in political science from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and his bachelor's in political science from the University of Minnesota. In addition to his current position, Licari served as acting president of UNI from Sept. 29 through Nov. 1 of this this year; was associate provost for academic affairs and dean of the Graduate College, 2010-14; interim head, Department of Political Science, 2009-10; interim associate dean of the Graduate College, 2008-09; administrative fellow, Office of the Provost, 2008; chair, University Faculty Senate, 2007-08; and associate director, Master of Public Policy Program, 2003-05. His academic positions include 2013-to-present, professor of political science, University of Northern Iowa; 2003-13, associate professor of political science, UNI; 2001-03, assistant professor of political science, UNI; 1997-2001, assistant professor of political science, State University of New York-Binghamton.

* Jacqueline El-Sayed is vice president for academic affairs and chief academic officer and professor of mechanical engineering at Marygrove College in Detroit. El-Sayed holds a Ph.D. and a master's in Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering from the University of Missouri, and a bachelor's in Mechanical Engineering from the General Motors Institute. Previously she held several positions at Kettering University, in Flint, Mich., including associate provost and associate vice president for academic affairs from 2012-13; associate vice president for academic affairs from 2011-12; director, Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning from 2006-10; and professor of mechanical engineering from 2007-14. She was also an American Council on Education Fellow at Harvey Mudd College in Claremont, Calif., during 2008-09.

* Elizabeth A. Throop is dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Education at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville. Throop earned an M.A. and Ph.D. in anthropology from the University of California-San Diego. She also holds an MSW, counseling concentration, from Jane Addams School of Social Work, University of Illinois at Chicago, and a bachelor's in anthropology from Macalester College in St. Paul, Minn. Previously Throop served as interim dean, Siebens School of Business and visiting professor of anthropology at Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, Iowa, 2011-12; dean of the School of Humanities and Science and professor of social sciences at Saint Mary's University of Minnesota, in Winona, 2009-11; chair and tenured associate professor of anthropology in the Department of Anthropology, Sociology, and Social Work at Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond. She has also been both an assistant and associate professor in the Department of Sociology at McKendree College in Lebanon, Ill. She has additionally taught at Silverlake Lake College in Manitowoc, Wis., North Central College in Naperville, Ill. and the College of DuPage in Glen Ellyn, Ill., among others.

Each candidate will appear at two 90-minute sessions on the first day of their visit to campus. These are forums open for everyone in the Ferris community and will be held in the Founders' Room of the University Center, Room 203, with the exception of Dr. Throop, whose open sessions will take place in the University Center, Room 217. Morning sessions will take place from 10 to 11:30 a.m., and the afternoon sessions will run from 3 to 4:30 p.m. The schedule for the open sessions is

- Dr. Kunkel, Tuesday, Jan. 20.
- Dr. Stevenson, Monday, Jan. 26
- Dr. Licari, Thursday, Jan. 29
- Dr. El-Sayed, Monday, Feb. 2
- Dr. Throop Thursday, Feb. 5

We have been fortunate to work with an exceptional search committee and we ask that you join us in thanking our colleagues on this group for their hard work and many contributions to this effort.

Committee members are Scott Garrison, dean, FLITE Library; Tamie Grunow, associate vice president, Human Resources; Kim Hancock, professor, Pharmaceutics, Pharmacy; Robin Hoisington, executive assistant to the

provost/VP for Academic Affairs; Amanda Jewell, student, College of Health Professions; Gloria Barnett, professor, Developmental Curriculum, Retention and Student Success; Sheila MacEachron, associate professor, Nuclear Medicine, College of Health Professions; Ron Mehringer, professor and program coordinator, Electrical/Electronics, College of Engineering Technology; Bruce Morgan, professor and director of residencies, College of Optometry; David Pilgrim, vice president for Diversity and Inclusion; Kristen Salomonson, dean, Enrollment Services; Carlos Sanchez, director, Latino Business and Economic Development Center; Dawn Schavey, senior academic advisor, Extended and International Operations; Mischelle Stone, associate professor, Criminal Justice, College of Education and Human Services; Spence Tower, associate professor, Management, College of Business.

On behalf of the entire search committee, we encourage you to attend open sessions for as many of the candidates as possible. At each session we will be soliciting your assessment and evaluation of the candidates. This is a critical leadership position for our university, and your input is very important to its success. Thank you in advance for your engagement and support.

Sincerely,

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