

# AGENDA

ST. PETERSBURG COLLEGE

PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH AND SCREEN COMMITTEE MEETING

**April 10, 2017**

EPICENTER- Collaborative Labs, Tropics Lab  
13805 – 58<sup>th</sup> Street N  
CLEARWATER, FLORIDA

4:00 PM

- I. Call to Order Terrence E. Brett  
Committee Chair

Mr. Brett called the meeting to order and thanked the guests, staff and committee members for attending. He announced that Mr. Nathan Stonecipher and Mr. Bob Fine would not be attending but they had sent in their candidate choices to Dr. Hockaday.

Committee members in attendance were: Mr. Terrence Brett, Chair; Dr. Jeff Hockaday, Consultant; Mr. Deveron Gibbons, Trustee; Dr. Andrea Kelly, Chair, College of Education; Dr. Albert Farr, Chair, Department of Communications; Ms. Alexis Deveaux, Student; Dr. Rich Mercadante, President, Faculty Governance Organization; Ms. Janette Hunt, Director of Budget & Compliance; Mr. Eric Gonzalez-Franco, Student; Mr. Ken Burke, Former Trustee; Ms Jeanne Trimble, Chair, Career Service Employee Council, Mr. Bill McCloud, Former SPC Foundation Chair.

- II. Opening Comments Mr. Brett

Mr. Brett thanked the Search and Selection Committee for doing the hard work to get them to this point. Mr. Brett turned it over to Dr. Hockaday to discuss the process.

- III. Discussion and Selection of the 3-5 Presidential Finalists Dr. Jeff Hockaday  
Search Consultant

Dr. Hockaday stated the process is to look at the number of votes that the Committee members put down for each candidate. He added that the discussion of candidates should come after the votes are made and seen by the Committee. He further explained that the order for changes to come and motions to make would come after the votes were tallied. He reiterated that to begin the process, the Committee members must add their checks to each candidate listed on the board and for everyone to see the final numbers after every member has voted. Dr. Hockaday stated he received votes by email from Mr. Stonecipher, Mr. Fine and

Ms. Deveaux but since she was able to attend the meeting, she would make her selections like the other members. He stated it was time for everyone to vote.

Mr. Brett requested Mr. McCloud to start the voting process by adding check marks for three to five candidates of his choosing. Mr. Brett announced that after everyone has made their selections known, then he and Mr. Hockaday will add Mr. Stonecipher's and Mr. Fine's choices.

The Committee members all voted one by one. Mr. Brett added Mr. Fine's and Mr. Stonecipher's selections with Dr. Hockaday verbally stating their choices.

This is the result of the Committee members' vote:

Candidate Name	Check Marks
Frank Biafora	12
Edward Bonahue	11
Michael Calvert	2
James Henningsen	9
Stan Vittetoe	8
Jean Wihbey	5
Tonjua Williams	12

Mr. Brett tallied up the votes and made a note of them. Dr. Hockaday reminded the Committee that the selection of three to five candidates can be approached in two ways. He stated you can take off the bottom row or take the top three to five candidates.

Mr. McCloud moved to eliminate the bottom two candidates. Ms. Deveaux seconded the motion and the Committee voted unanimously to pass the motion to remove the bottom two candidates. Mr. Michael Calvert and Ms. Jean Wihbey were removed from the list of candidates. Mr. Brett noted that the top five candidates are: Frank Biafora and Tonjua Williams, tied in the number one slot with twelve votes, followed by Edward Bonahue, James Henningsen, and Stan Vittetoe.

Mr. Burke moved to accept the five of seven candidates to advance to the next round of campus visits and board interviews. This was seconded by Mr. Farr. A point of clarification was asked by Ms. Deveaux to Dr. Hockaday. "Is there an advantage to sending five versus three?" Dr. Hockaday stated that it is difficult to start when you have five candidates that look alike and that five is a long process of energy. He added that it is hard to distinguish among five people that are close and stated they are all good candidates.

Mr. Gibbons stated that if this committee sees fit to move forward with five then it will be fine. There was no other discussion. Mr. Brett asked for a vote and the motion unanimously passed to advance all five candidates to the next round.

The five candidates to advance to the next round are: Frank Biafora, Tonjua Williams, Edward Bonahue, James Henningsen, and Stan Vittetoe.

#### IV. Next Steps in the Search Process

Dr. Hockaday

Mr. Brett stated that the work of the Committee is done and thanked the members for their their time and energy in being involved in the selection committee. He added that the College and the Board appreciates them and the work they have done.

Mr. Brett distributed a list of upcoming dates for interviews, which are tentatively scheduled for the month of May. He announced that the Board of Trustees plan to make their final selection on July 1. He recommended that everyone continuously refer to the website to get the final dates and interviews and when the selection will be made as these dates were all tentative.

Mr. Brett asked for final questions or comments. There were none. Dr. Hockaday stated he did not have any questions or comments.

Mr. Burke thanked Mr. Brett for his service leading the Search and Selection Committee. Mr. Brett responded with appreciation and stated he would like to thank others beyond the Committee.

Mr. Brett acknowledged the members of the St. Petersburg College community who have been involved with this process: Amelia Carey, liaison to Dr. Hockaday; Dr. Furlong, liaison to the candidates; Rita Farlow, in charge of the website for the search and selection process; Rebecca Turner for scheduling the meetings and coordinating the meeting minutes; Desiree Woroner, communicating with applicants and search website, and Deborah Boyle who served as the liaison to Mr. Brett and Dr. Hockaday. They stood and were recognized by applause. Mr. Brett also thanked videographers and SPC security team.

#### V. Adjournment

Mr. Brett

Mr. Brett adjourned the meeting at 4:20p.m.

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