

Update from June 24, 2022

To the Washburn Community:

As promised, I wanted to keep you informed as we move along in the search process for the next president.

Earlier this month, the University issued an RFP for search firms and received responses from four firms. Next Thursday, June 30 at 4:00 p.m., we will hold a special meeting of the Board to review and determine next steps for selecting a search firm. The location will be announced as soon as arrangements are made.

Regent Allen Schmidt (the KBOR appointee on the Board) outlined the process and timeline for the recent hire of Emporia's president. That was informative for us, particularly knowing the length of time of a typical search in his experience, which was five to six months once a search firm is hired.

We have discussed the potential need for an interim president and want to meet with the search firm prior to making any decisions. Likewise, we will seek the advice of the search firm about the search committee before selecting members. We have received many suggestions for search committee members from campus and community stakeholders. There are many names of great people but we can't use everyone or the committee would be too large.

Next week, a website for the search will be live on the Washburn page under the "About" tab.

We know the work of the university does not stop and we appreciate each of your efforts.

Terry Beck, Chair

Washburn University Board of Regents.