

USAC Response to Presidential Search Committee Representation

We have put together a timeline of steps taken by USAC to communicate with the Board of Trustees our concern regarding the staff representation on the Presidential Search Committee.

1. January 25, 2006 – University Faculty meeting where Dr. Cooper commented on the appointment of the Presidential Search Committee
2. January 26, 2006 - USAC Chair sent an email to Skip Coston, Rector of the Board of Trustees, Robert Burrus, Chairperson of the Presidential Search Committee and Susan Quisenberry, Chairperson of the Board created Task Force, to ask that a staff representative be included on the search committee.
3. January 27, 2006 Announcement of Presidential Search Committee, with Srinivasa Pulavarti, President of Spider Management, as the staff representative.
4. January 30, 2006 – USAC Chair emailed Skip Coston to discuss concern over staff's representative on the Presidential Search Committee. USAC requested an additional representative from staff.
5. January 31, 2006 - USAC Chair had conversation with Skip Coston regarding staff representation. We discussed options for staff involvement in the search process and again a request was made for an additional staff representative.
6. January 31, 2006 - Srinivasa Pulavarti, President of Spider Management reached out to USAC to set up a meeting to discuss staff concerns. Meeting set for February 7th.
7. February 2, 2006 – USAC Chair had conversation with Skip Coston. He advised us that the Search Committee was adding one additional representative from Alumni. He again offered suggestions for staff input and involvement. He also discussed reinstatement of the Task Force created before Dr Cooper resigned.
8. February 3, 2006 – Board of Trustees Announcement that a representative from Alumni was being added to the Presidential Search Committee.
9. February 6, 2006 – USAC representatives attended faculty meeting to hear faculty concerns about the Presidential Search Process. Faculty passed a resolution at the meeting indicating support of staff representation to the Search Committee.
10. February 7, 2006 – USAC met with Srinivasa Pulavarti, President of Spider Management, to discuss concerns regarding the search process.

11. February 7, 2006 – USAC Chair emailed Skip Coston to ask if it would be possible for a representative group from USAC to meet with him and Bob Burrus after the Faculty Council meeting on February 8, 2006.
12. February 8, 2006 – USAC Chair emailed Hank Chambers UFC, Chair regarding resolutions passed at Faculty Meeting regarding Search.
13. February 8, 2006 – USAC Chair spoke to Skip Coston and confirmed meeting after the Faculty Council Meeting.
14. February 8, 2006 -USAC representatives attended the University Faculty Council meeting to hear faculty's discussion with the Board Members regarding the Search Committee. During the discussions faculty stood up multiple times for staff representation.
15. February 8, 2006 - USAC representatives spoke with Skip Coston and Bob Burrus regarding our concerns over staff representation on the Search Committee.
16. February 9, 2006 – USAC chair emailed Skip Coston and Bob Burrus to thank them for the opportunity to meet with them after the UFC meeting.