

From the Chair of the Presidential Search Committee

Dear Members of the Campus Community:

It is with great anticipation that we have started the process to identify the next President of the SUNY College of Optometry. The College Council, SUNY Leadership, and the entire campus community extend our warmest appreciation to President David A. Heath whose strategic and dynamic leadership has helped to establish a robust foundation for the College of Optometry's future.

Executive Search Firm Hired

The SUNY Guidelines on Presidential Searches require the campus to hire a search firm to support the national recruitment of qualified candidates. I am pleased to announce that we have retained AGB Search to partner with the SUNY College of Optometry in its search for the next president.

AGB Search is a widely recognized executive-search leader and has conducted more than 350 searches for presidents and chancellors of higher education institution. They are experts at guiding institutions through the complex search process and assisting institutions in carrying out a smooth transition. We look forward to working with AGB Search and have full confidence in the firm's ability to represent our campus constituents in attracting the most qualified pool of candidates for the presidential search process.

Search Committee

I am pleased to announce the membership of the Presidential Search Committee and to report that we held our first meeting on Thursday, February 15, where Chancellor John King charged the group with its task to find the SUNY College of Optometry's next leader. The search committee makeup is consistent with [SUNY Presidential Search Guidelines](#) and representative of the wide-range of excellent work that takes place at SUNY College of Optometry each day.

The Presidential Search Committee members are:

College Council

Faculty

Academic Dean

Professional Staff Member

College Foundation

Alumni Representative

Student Representative

Chancellor Designated Senior Staff

Classified Staff

Chancellor Liaison [non-voting]

Associate Vice Chancellor for Executive Recruitment and Leadership Development

Campus Liaison [non-voting]

The legal authority to appoint the President or Chief Administrative Officer of a State-operated SUNY campus rests with the State University of New York Board of Trustees. College

Councils have the responsibility to recommend a candidate or candidates to the Board. To assist Councils in their work, [SUNY has adopted a policy with procedures for the search for and nomination of candidates.](#)

Presidential Search Website

We have also launched a [Presidential Search Website](#) to keep the community informed about the process. For all information on the position and process, please continue to visit SUNY College of Optometry's presidential search website for the search timeline and community updates. Here you'll find:

- an archive of presidential search-related announcements to date;
- the presidential search timeline;
- the advertisement for the position;
- search committee and search firm contact information;
- the search committee membership, and
- the College prospectus.

Please refer anyone with questions about the search process to the website. If you have any questions or wish to nominate someone for the presidency at SUNY's College of Optometry, please email us at SUNYOPTPresident@agbsearch.com.

Thank you for your support and participation in the SUNY College of Optometry Presidential search process.

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