



## **Provost and Vice-president, Academic Search Committee**

**February 9, 2017**

The work of the Provost and Vice-president, Academic Search Committee is well underway.

The committee held its first meeting on February 6, 2017. Maureen Geldart, the search consultant retained by the university, went through the process and timelines for the search. The terms of reference and need for confidentiality with regard to candidates were also reviewed and discussed.

An intensive round of consultations with staff, faculty and students were held the week of February 6 in Athabasca, at the university's two sites in Edmonton, and in Calgary. More than a hundred people participated in person. A considerable number also participated via teleconference.

One-on-one meetings with representatives from AUPE, CUPE, the Athabasca University Faculty Association, the Athabasca University Graduate Students Association and the Athabasca University Students Association have also been held.

The Committee's next step involves drafting the Provost and Vice-president, Academic position profile, which will form the basis of our international recruitment efforts.

The Geldart Group is a respected executive search firm, which will work actively with the Search Committee to gather suggestions and recruit candidates. Nominations and applications can be sent in confidence to:

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The Search Committee is looking forward to what promises to be an intense and time-consuming project. Please visit the website often to receive updates. Please keep in mind and appreciate that aspects of this search process require confidentiality. Committee members will not be able to answer questions about any individual applying for the position.

The Provost and Vice-president, Academic search web page is located at:

<http://ous.athabascau.ca/>

Respectfully,

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