



Search Committee Announced

Dear Members of the College of Saint Mary Community,

I write to give you all a brief update on the status of the presidential search. We now have a full committee, whose members are:

Kate Dodge, trustee

Sister Delores Hannon, trustee

Rick Jeffries, J.D., trustee

Dr. Melissa Kean, trustee

Dr. Vernetta Kosalka, alumnae representative

Brad Knuth, trustee

Deb MacDonald, J.D., trustee

Louis Olivera, CPA, MBA, trustee

Katty Petak, staff representative

Dr. Shari Prior, faculty representative

I'm very grateful to all for their willingness to serve in this important effort. I also want to assure you all that we are working hard to ensure that the process will be a careful and thoughtful one. Our efforts currently are directed towards choosing a search firm that is best able to help the committee conduct a comprehensive search to identify and attract top candidates. It is equally important that both the committee and the consultants thoroughly understand the culture and aspirations of the College of Saint Mary.

To that end, once we've settled on a firm there will be multiple opportunities for members of the community—faculty, staff, administrators, students, and supporters—to share their thoughts and suggestions about the future and priorities of the college, to describe what qualities we need in a president, and to nominate candidates for the position. This won't be a quick process and it may be a couple of months before the next update but as soon as there is information that can be shared, it will be shared.

Many thanks for all you do for CSM,

Melissa Kean

Search Committee Chair