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## MEMORANDUM

February 15, 2008

TO: Campus Community  
FROM: Neil Kerwin, President  
Robert Griffith, Professor and Chair, Department of History  
SUBJECT: Update on the Provost Search

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We are writing to update you on the search for provost.

In November and early December, soon after the search committee was appointed, advertisements were placed in the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, *Diverse Issues in Higher Education*, *Hispanic Outlook on Higher Education*, *Women in Higher Education*, *Inside Higher Education*, the *New York Times* and the *Washington Post*. A second round of advertisements appeared in the *Chronicle of Higher Education* in January.

The committee selected as our search consultant Witt/Kieffer, led by Dr. Jean Dowdall and Ed Robinson. Dr. Dowdall, a former faculty member and university administrator, is one of the nation's leading academic search consultants. She spent two days on campus in mid-January, meeting with faculty, staff, and administrators.

In December and January, search committee members met with various campus constituencies, including Staff Council, Faculty Senate, deans, SIS faculty, SPA faculty, CAS chairs and directors, SOC faculty, Kogod faculty, WCL faculty, both graduate and undergraduate student leaders, Campus Life staff, and library faculty and staff.

The search committee has begun to review applicant files and will meet in early March to identify an intermediate pool of candidates to invite for "airport interviews." In late March or early April, a small group of finalists will be invited to campus to meet with faculty, staff, and students. Following these visits, the search committee will make its recommendations to President Kerwin.

We encourage the active participation of all members of the AU community in this important search. We urge you to review the position announcement, nominate individuals suitable for consideration, and inform colleagues elsewhere who might be interested in applying for the position or in making a nomination. Faculty, staff, and students with questions about the search should feel free to contact any member of the search committee.

We have established a [Web site](#) which provides information and updates about the search and will facilitate communication with the search committee.

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