

Faculty Senate Sense of the Senate: Academic Experience of Candidates for AU Presidency

The Faculty Senate urges the presidential search committee to give consideration to finding a president who has experience as a tenured faculty member, a distinguished record of peer-reviewed scholarly work (as defined by the university's *Faculty Manual*, which includes scholarly, creative, or professional activity), and strong experience in academic administration. The Faculty Senate recognizes the trends in higher education of hiring public intellectuals from the public sector and corporate and non-profit leaders. Some such experience may be beneficial, but the candidate first and foremost should have a long record of academic achievement and leadership. American University has achieved success by fundraising successfully, understanding its position among national and regional universities, and greatly improving its scholarly record while maintaining a strong tradition of teaching and service.