



Provost Search Committee

Friday, May 20, 2022

Time: 1:30 – 2:30 P.M.

Microsoft Teams Virtual Meeting

Summary Notes

I. Welcome

Chair John Ramil welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending.

II. Update on Listening Sessions with the USF Community

Shelly Storbeck provided an updated on listening sessions being held with deans, university leaders and other stakeholders. The listening sessions are key to identifying what the most attractive and key elements are to the Provost position, and how to recruit the best possible candidate pool.

III. Listening Session with the Search Committee

The committee then commenced its own listening session and discussed what is most attractive about the role of Provost at the University of South Florida, how to draw candidates to the search, the key challenges the next Provost will face and what the ideal profile of the Provost is.

Responses included the great faculty at USF and the institution's dedication to diversity and student success. The university also has an established vision for being a 21st century higher education institution and forging the new landscape of the industry.

The committee also discussed navigating the political nature of public higher education and how to tap into the metaverse and the quickly changing technological resources available.

Committee members expressed desire to have someone who is a higher education veteran who has seen what excellence looks like and is grounded in it. They also discussed the balance of humility and being human-centric with putting the needs of the institution as a whole first. The next Provost should be student-focused and budget-conscious, while still knowing how to remain nimble and proactive.

IV. Next Steps

Lisa Solinsky provided the next steps to the committee, which include access to the online portal and the position specifications draft.

V. Closing Remarks

Chair Ramil again thanked everyone for participating and the robust discussion and adjourned the meeting.