

Dear members of the SUNY Polytechnic Institute community:

It is with great pleasure and excitement for us to announce that the process to identify the next President of SUNY Poly has started. The College Council, SUNY Leadership and the entire SUNY Poly community extends our warmest appreciation to Interim President, Dr. Grace Wang, for her strategic and dynamic leadership during this time of transition at the University. Her impressive work has established a healthy foundation for the next President and the future of the University.

### **Survey to gather community input**

Input from the entire SUNY Poly community is essential at this stage of the search. We want to learn your thoughts about the university's priorities and the qualities, skills, and experiences you will be looking for in the next president. In early December, students, faculty, staff, alumni, and friends of the University received an email with instructions on how to access a feedback form that will give helpful insights to the search committee regarding the qualities sought in a new president. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SUNYPolyPresidentSearchSurvey>.

### **Search Communications**

After gathering information from the campus, the consulting team in conjunction with the Search Committee will create the search prospectus, an important document that will describe the University, as well as the leadership agenda for the next president. The consultants have also been working with SUNY Poly's marketing and communications team in the development of a presidential search website that will allow the College Council and the Search Committee to provide updates and important information to the community. The website can be found at <https://sunypoly.edu/about/office-president/presidential-search.html>.

### **Search Committee**

SUNY Poly's Presidential Search Committee will conduct the search in accordance with SUNY's Presidential Search Guidelines. The 18-member Search Committee consists of four members of the College Council, six faculty members, one student, one staff member, one SUNY Poly alumni, one Dean, one foundation representative, one member of the SUNY Chancellor's senior staff, and two SUNY System liaisons. The Search Committee is an essential representation of the great work that happens at SUNY Poly every day, and we are committed to the future success of the university.

The Presidential Search Committee members are:

Donald Hanson (Chair)	College Council Chair
George Aney	College Council Member
Gretchen Arnold	College Council Member
Darlene Burns	College Council Member
Timothy Busch	Faculty Representative – Utica Campus
Nathaniel Cady	Faculty representative - Albany Campus
Robert Edgell	Faculty representative - Utica Campus
Susan Shafrstein	Faculty representative - Albany Campus
Zora Thomova	Faculty representative - Utica Campus

Linda Weber	Faculty representative - Utica Campus
Emma Vanderwerken	Student representative
Mark Montgomery	Alumni representative
Anita Brown	Campus related foundation representative
J. Andres Melendez	Interim Dean
Melissa Prest	Professional or support staff member
Tod Laursen	Chancellor's senior staff member
Zulaika Rodriguez-Awoliyi	Chancellor's liaison representative (Non-voting)
Paul Patton	Chancellor's liaison representative (Non-voting)

The process will be conducted using the representational search model. According to SUNY Guidelines, a representational search is where the search committee will be the representatives of the campus in lieu of campus visits and where the semi-finalists' names are not publicized to the community. During a representational search, members of the college council and other designated members of the SUNY Poly community will be invited to meet with the semi-finalist candidates under strict rules of confidentiality.

The consultants from Storbeck/Pimentel & Associates, who are partnering with the Search Committee are Steve Leo, Partner and Brian Bustin, Senior Associate. If you have a colleague you would like to nominate for the opportunity, you can share that information with them directly and confidentially at [SUNYPolyPresident@storbecksearch.com](mailto:SUNYPolyPresident@storbecksearch.com). Thank you for your support and participation in the search process.

Sincerely,

Dr. Donald W. Hanson  
 Chair, SUNY Polytechnic Institute College Council