Brief Summary of Comments by participants in the Open Forum, April 8, 2014

Participants were asked to provide input on the qualities that the new president should have.

Faculty Comments:

Strong track record for getting additional funding to support programs,
Strong strategic leadership to move us forward,
President must serve the Board, students, faculty and the state,
Support of the Education Program and help determine whether we are preparing students for employment or creating well-rounded citizens, and
Experience attracting diverse student to include international.

Student Comments

Interest in being visible and present interacting with the students,
Possess the ability to manage finances to keep tuition low and affordable,
Supports diversity and the fine arts, and
Continues to focus on STEM programs and cares about the student perspective.

Comments offered on behalf of the General Education Review and Reform Committee

Interest in supporting the GenEd program reform initiative to ensure students understand the requirements and can complete those requirements efficiently.

Retiree Comment

Ensure that the committee is clear on the problems of the future and where the institution needs to go and to build the criteria for selection around those issues.

Riverpoint and online comments:

Considering our momentum with online education, it is important to have a president with experience and interest in online education.

I would like to see a president chosen who will see the campus as a holistic unit, from students to grounds and everything in between. Someone who steps back to see how we work together now and how we can revise those connections to function more effectively in the future. Someone with a vision to bring us together towards a common goal.

Experience with multiple campus and program locations and shared facilities. Worked collaboratively with other educational institutions.”