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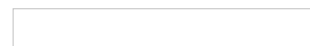
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University Appoints Faculty, Staff, Students, and Trustees to Help Select Next GWU President

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C. – Officials at Gardner-Webb University have announced the formation of the committee that will guide the search for the institution's 13th President.



Dr. A. Frank Bonner, who has served Gardner-Webb for more than 30 years—including the last 13 years as the University's president—will retire from his post early next year.

According to David Royster III, GWU Board of Trustees member and chairman of the Presidential Search Committee, the group will work in conjunction with the Charlotte-based executive search firm Coleman Lew + Associates, Inc. to help secure qualified leaders as candidates for the position. The firm visited the Gardner-Webb campus in April, where they met with the President's cabinet, executive members of the staff council, deans and faculty leaders, department chairs, and students.

"We have a busy few weeks ahead preparing for this work," Royster explained. "We are finalizing a communications plan to ensure the process is transparent, open, and inclusive, while respecting the confidentiality of our candidates."

Members of the GWU Presidential Search Committee include:

CHAIRMAN

David W. Royster, III

TRUSTEE MEMBERS

Rodney Allison

Candy Arey

Ron Beane

Susan Briggs

Chris Welch

STAFF MEMBERS

Scot Hull, Co-Chair, Staff Council
Lou Ann Scates, Chair, Staff Council

FACULTY MEMBERS

Dr. Donald Berry, Department of Religious Studies; Chair, Faculty Council
Dr. Cheryl Duffus, Department of English; Vice Chair, Faculty Council

STUDENTS

Aliah Price, Student Government Association President, 2018-19

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At retirement, Bonner will have logged almost 32 years with Gardner-Webb. “I want to believe that my career has been about contributing to the success—in the fullest and best meaning of the word—of generations of students, both through teaching in the past and administrative work more recently,” he reflected. “Now, I want to turn my attention to helping young people and others individually as well as collectively, perhaps through mentoring or tutoring, and in other ways that I can contribute.”

Updates on the search process will be offered as information becomes available at www.Gardner-Webb.edu/presidential-search.

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