

Board of Trustees

May 7, 2020

Following a process that began in January 2020, which included extensive national recruitment, a robust and competitive candidate pool, and multiple layers of evaluation and discernment, the Presidential Search Committee has unanimously recommended three candidates for consideration by the Durham Tech Board of Trustees. The three candidates will be visiting Durham Tech for meetings with the Trustees and members of the campus community later this month. The names of the three finalists will be released a few days prior to their campus visits.

The logistical and public health challenges associated with bringing three exceptional and experienced educational leaders for on-campus visits are considerable. Ordinarily, the candidates would be invited for a variety of public interviews and meetings with campus constituencies, but because of COVID-19 restrictions, the typical large gatherings with faculty, staff, and students cannot be held in the same manner, nor can the types of informal social events where the candidates get to meet with Trustees and smaller groups of internal and external community members. We must utilize the power of technology to widely engage the campus community while providing environments for each limited-size meeting that will respond to public health concerns, including six feet of separation, wearing masks, and comprehensive sanitation by trained staff for each meeting venue, both before and after every meeting.

Assuming we can navigate the considerable COVID-19 related and logistical challenges, the Trustees will meet in the week following the candidates' campus visits to select Durham Tech's next President. Once the Trustees have done so, under the policies of the State Board of Community Colleges, we must submit our final choice for review and approval to the State Board. Following the State Board's review and approval, the College will make an official announcement of the fifth President of Durham Tech.

Sincerely,

John F. Burness
Chair, Board of Trustees