

Resolution Affirming the Qualifications of the University of Florida Provost

PREAMBLE: The University of Florida Faculty Senate looks forward to welcoming our institution's next Provost. As a land-, sea-, and space- grant public university comprised of 16 academic colleges and more than 150 research centers and institutes, with an extensive health-sciences enterprise, UF has a responsibility to recruit and retain a top-notch Provost candidate with a strong academic background.

WHEREAS the University of Florida has opened a search for its next Provost,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Provost should have the following qualifications:

1. The Provost should be an educator of national stature with a terminal degree in their field, demonstrated intellectual leadership, and with internationally recognized research or scholarly achievements who will continue to advance the academic distinction of the University of Florida.
2. The Provost should have successful administrative experience at an AAU/R-1 university with undergraduate and graduate programs.
3. The Provost should have demonstrated a commitment to excellence in teaching, research, service, and a willingness to champion genuine innovation in all three areas.
4. The Provost should have demonstrated a strong commitment to fostering academic freedom and to ensuring the right of all members of the University community to express their academic and professional views openly.
5. The Provost should have demonstrated a strong commitment to faculty governance and transparency in all matters, including academic standards, policies, and rewards with faculty playing an integral role in all decision-making processes that affect the academic and working environment of the University.
6. The Provost should have demonstrated a commitment to initiatives that eliminate undue disparity, that encourage dignity and professionalism, and that promote variation in thought and experience.
7. The Provost should have the demonstrated ability to articulate an institution's mission, values, and needs clearly and to communicate them persuasively to all external and internal constituencies.
8. The Provost should commit to the University's role as a public land grant institution and recognize that the University is a partner with the communities in which it serves.