

Resolution Affirming the Qualifications of the Thirteenth University of Florida President

PREAMBLE: The University of Florida Faculty Senate looks forward to welcoming our institution's 13th president. As a land-, sea-, and space- grant public university that is currently ranked no. 5 in the nation, UF has a responsibility to recruit and retain a top-notch presidential candidate with a strong academic background.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the 13th president should have the following qualifications:

1. The President should be an educator of national stature with an earned terminal degree in their academic 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 President should have successful administrative experience at an AAU/R-1 university.
3. The President should have demonstrated a strong commitment to faculty governance 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.
4. The President should have demonstrated a strong commitment to fostering academic freedom and to the right of all members of the University community to express their academic and professional views openly, with their University affiliation.
5. The President should have demonstrated a commitment to DEI initiatives in educational and work environments, including fair participation and representation of marginalized identities at all levels of the University.
6. The President should have demonstrated a commitment to excellence in teaching, research, service, and a willingness to champion genuine innovation in all three areas.
7. The President should have demonstrated successful experience in fundraising from public and private sources and a willingness to place that activity high on their agenda.
8. The President should have the demonstrated ability to articulate a University's mission, values, and needs clearly and to communicate them persuasively to all external and internal constituencies.
9. The President should commit to the goal of international prominence for the University of Florida. They should have the ability, fortitude, and strategic vision to take the University to the highest level with demonstrated leadership and emphasis on increasing quality across the University.
10. The President should commit to the University's role as a contributor to local, state, national, and international economic, environmental, and cultural vitality and recognize that the University is a partner with the communities in which it serves.