

## **MOTION FOR THE UNIVERSITY SENATE**

**University Senate Committee:** Executive

**Brief History of Issue** - why the issue is being considered:

- On Friday a search committee was announced to replace Ray Cross and the consistency of that search committee is a direct contradiction to the last searches

**Points Discussed by Committee:**

- People are outraged so 7 campuses are considering motions in opposition on this
- No faculty, academic staff or university staff on the committee
- Since the regents and the governor actually make the final decision it is unknown why they bypassed the old process

**Pros of Recommendation:**

- It registers our displeasure

**Cons of Recommendation:**

- It is unknown if this resolution will facilitate change

**Technology/Human Resource Impact:**

- None

**Committee Recommendation:**

Support the resolution

## Resolution on UW System Presidential Search & Screen

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The University Senate Executive Committee by a vote of 16 for and 0 against on November 5, 2019 recommends the following:

Whereas the Search and Screen Committee for the UW System President announced on November 1, 2019, consists of five Regents, one former Regent, two Chancellors, and one Provost, and includes no faculty, academic staff, or university staff members, and no students other than the Non-Traditional Student Regent;

Whereas the committee was announced just one week after President Cross announced his retirement with no outreach to faculty, academic staff, university staff, or students regarding the composition of the committee;

Whereas the composition of the Search and Screen Committee represents a radical departure from past practice, as past Search and Screen committees have consistently included multiple faculty, staff, and student members;

Whereas the System President makes decisions that impact all of the faculty, academic staff, university staff, and students across the UW-System community;

Whereas faculty, staff, and students are key stakeholders in the University of Wisconsin system, and can provide valuable perspectives on the role of the President that are distinct from those of the Board of Regents and System administrators;

Whereas the incoming System President will be best-served by having the support of an inclusive, rather than exclusive, search process;

Be it therefore resolved the UW-Eau Claire University Senate strenuously objects to the existing composition of the Search and Screen Committee for the new UW System President.

Be it further resolved that we call on the University of Wisconsin Board of Regents to add representation from the faculty, academic staff, university staff, and students, to the Search and Screen committee before the committee begins its work.

*Upon approval, this resolution shall be transmitted to Chancellor James Schmidt, Vice Chancellor and Provost Patricia Kleine, UW System President Ray Cross, Regent President Andrew Petersen and all of the voting members of the University of Wisconsin Board of Regents, Kelly Holzer, chair of the UWEC University Staff Council, and Charles Johnson, President of the UWEC Student Senate.*

**Implementation Date:** Immediate

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_

Chair of the Committee