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POSITION PAPER COMPLETED ON NEW VICE PRESIDENT FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

A 12-person search committee has completed a position paper on the future of information technology at Stritch that includes a job description for the vice president who will head that area.

Jonas said the level of detail was included “to provide the new individual with the best opportunity to succeed.” The group researched various models, duties and operating systems used by other similar and successful schools in creating the paper.



Advertising will begin shortly, and the goal is to fill the position by Sept. 1.

While the search committee will be the main interviewing group, many other areas and individuals will be included in the interview process, including the IT and library staff, University President Sister Mary Lea Schneider and the Administrative Board.

“While we realize that some people feel the University already has more than enough vice presidents, after careful consideration, the committee unanimously agreed that

Applicants also will be required to make a half-hour presentation on their philosophy of information technology at an open forum at which questions will be taken from faculty, staff and students. The search committee will synopsise all the input and present it to Executive Vice President Peter Holbrook, who will make the final decision. The new vice president will report to him.

the VP title was important to providing the resources, information, accountability and authority necessary to be successful,” said Peter Jonas, chair of doctoral programs, who heads the search committee.

Holbrook expressed confidence in the search committee and in Jonas’ leadership. “This process is key to Stritch being a learning community, and I trust it will ultimately provide us with an excellent leader for the IT area,” he said.

The position paper includes University premises regarding IT; the direction it feels the area should take; goals, responsibilities of and qualifications for the new VP; the role of the search committee, as well as the ad for the position and details on the hiring process.

Key points from the position paper that Holbrook stressed regarding IT include what is called a convergence model, which means bringing all IT areas and functions, including

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the library, into one central unit. Doing so, he said, will help meet and advance the University's technology needs.

Other key points are having technology address and support strategic goals rather than operating independently from or driving them, and becoming a service unit that enables Stritch to further its mission goals and objectives. Further, technology must continually respond to the needs and wants of the 21st-century learner, by investigating current best practices, anticipating problems and helping formulate well-researched solutions, Holbrook said.

"Cooperation, collaboration and a service-oriented philosophy are keys to our success," he said. "I thank the committee for all their hard work to

date, and I'm confident that with continued input from stakeholders coupled with transparency as we proceed with this process, we will be able to achieve our goals.

"Additionally, I want to add that whomever we hire cannot be viewed as the 'savior' of IT. As with everything in an information-based organization, this will require everyone's best effort."

The Troubadour will provide regular updates as the hiring process for the vice president of information technology proceeds. To access the search committee's position paper, go to http://docs.stritch.edu/TechnologyServices/CIO_Position_paper.doc, which is on My Stritch. For further information, contact Jonas at Ext. 4327, or pmjonas@stritch.edu.

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