April 21, 2014

Dear Members of the Westchester Community College Community:

The Presidential search for Westchester Community College has begun in earnest.

Our consultants from R. H. Perry & Associates (RHPA), Liz Rocklin and Larry Tyree, visited the college on March 11th and 12th and met with internal and external members of the college community to learn their views of the challenges and opportunities that have been summarized in the Executive Search Profile.

In addition, Liz and Larry met with the Presidential Search Committee and reviewed the steps in the process and set dates for future activities. David Swope, Chair of the Board of Trustees introduced Robin Bikkal, chair of the Presidential Search Committee (PSC), and welcomed the committee on behalf of the Board of Trustees. The Committee reviewed the Charge issued by the Board of Trustees and signed a confidentiality statement.

On April 16th, the Presidential Search Committee met with SUNY Chancellor Nancy Zimpher. (See the attached message from the Chancellor).

The Profile has now been completed and is on the WCC website and the RHPA website. RHPA began their sourcing campaign to solicit potential candidates and nominations. Online advertisements have been placed in the following venues: The Chronicle of Higher Education, Women in Academia, Hispanic Outlook and Journal of Blacks in Higher Education.

The PSC (names and affiliations attached) is prepared and excited to begin. Please do not ask your friends or colleagues on the search committee for information (other than the information shared in these Progress Reports).

If you have potential candidates to suggest, please send their names directly to Liz Rocklin at: erocklin@rhperry.com or Larry Tyree at: LarryTyree@rhperry.com

The consultants will follow up with all suggested individuals and we will be able to maintain the confidentiality of the candidates’ possible interest in the position.

Sincerely,

Robin A. Bikkal
Chair, PSC