



CHRISTOPHER NEWPORT UNIVERSITY
PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH COMMITTEE

February 1, 2022

The Presidential Search Committee convened our second meeting on Friday, January 28, 2022. The agenda included (1) a review of the updated version of the draft committee charge from the Board of Visitors [the charge will be reviewed/approved by the Board at our next meeting on February 4], (2) a comprehensive presentation of the search process and proposed timeline by Martin Baker, managing partner of the recruiting firm of Buffkin/Baker, (3) a discussion of how and when to host public forums, (4) a proposal of presidential search survey questions/open forum questions, and (5) a discussion of future meetings.

The committee is excited to move forward to the next phase of the presidential search and engage with our internal and external stakeholders. Over the course of the next two months, we will invite input and gather perspectives from the Christopher Newport community through active listening sessions, surveys and outreach. The intention is to be as inclusive as possible and provide a means by which everyone in the Christopher Newport community can participate and have their voice heard.

I would like to strongly encourage all to participate. It is important for the committee to hear your hopes and priorities for the future of this great university. As we craft the leadership profile and when the Board of Visitors makes its decision, it will be greatly influenced by the input we receive now. In the coming weeks, I will provide detailed information on how to access and participate in these opportunities.

Please visit the [Presidential Search page](#) to stay informed of progress and to review the principles guiding this search.

The next meeting of the Presidential Search Committee will be on Friday, March 11 at 9:30 a.m. in the David Student Union Board Room.

Robert R. “Bobby” Hatten
Chair, Presidential Search Committee
Rector, Board of Visitors