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Process Has Begun to Hire V.P. of Administration and Finance/Chief Financial Officer and V.P. of Research

Dear Campus Colleagues,

This is an exciting time at New Mexico Tech for many reasons. Two examples are occurring simultaneously. We've recently begun national searches to fill two senior leadership positions: Vice President of Administration and Finance and Chief Financial Officer (VPAF/CFO); and Vice President of Research (VPR).

We hired [Greenwood Asher](#), a well-respected search firm that specializes in higher education placements, to guide us on the searches.

Last week, we posted job descriptions for both positions on NMT's [HR website](#), as well as through local and national outlets, and representatives from Greenwood Asher came to campus to advise the search committees on their due diligence.

The anticipated timeline for both searches:

- Recruitment, nominations, and applications: ongoing
- Round one virtual interviews: Sept. 23–Oct. 2
- Round two in-person interviews in Albuquerque: Oct. 15–16
- Round three in-person campus interviews: Oct. 28–Nov. 8
- Final discussions and recommendations: Nov. 4–12

The members of the search committees:

VPAF/CFO search committee:

- Mike Timmons (chair), Director, Bureau of Geology and Mineral Resources
- Emma Aafloy, Director, Budget & Analysis
- Elijah Collins, President, Student Government Association
- Taffeta Elliott, Associate Professor of Psychology
- Julie Ford, Professor of Mechanical Engineer/Technical Communication
- Vanessa Grain, Executive Assistant to the President
- David Manzano, Director of Government Affairs
- Bill Stone, Professor of Mathematics

VPR search committee:

- Richard Sonnenfeld (chair), Professor of Physics
- Darryl Ackley, Director, Energetic Materials Research and Testing Center
- Richard Cervantes, VPAF/CFO
- Jennifer Chapman, Dean of Students
- Michelle Creech-Eakman, Professor of Physics
- Donna Essel, President, Graduate Student Association
- Vanessa Grain, Executive Assistant to the President
- Mostafa Hassanalian, Associate Professor of Mechanical Engineering

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to serve on the search committees.

We look forward to the thorough and deliberate steps underway to finding the candidates with the skills, experience, and temperament to fill these senior leadership positions.

Warm regards,
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