

26 August 2013

Tom Hoffacker Director, Human Resources

Steve Williams Chair, Presidential Search Committee

Dear Mr Hoffacker and Mr Williams:

The presidents of the Faculty Senate, Staff Congress, and Student Government Association; the campus representatives to the Presidential Search Committee; and the elected Regents formally request that meetings be scheduled between each of the aforementioned bodies and the consultants from Witt Kieffer during the first week of September.

The representatives to the search committee left the 26 July 2013 meeting of the Presidential Search Committee with the understanding that the consultants' visit to Murray State in September would include meetings with those bodies and would have the purpose of ascertaining from such meetings what members of the broad campus community believe that Murray State needs in a president. Limiting the consultancy meetings to faculty and staff leadership will not account for the complex, manifold perspectives on campus regarding what we need in a president.

Moreover, and perhaps more importantly, this search process follows events that led many faculty, staff, and students to believe that their perspectives have been excluded and ignored in the important decisions being made for them. The character of this search process will be as important as the result. We have an opportunity in this process to heal, perhaps even improve, relations that suffered during the spring of 2013. We can do so with very little effort; simple inclusiveness is all that will be required.

Cordially,

Kevin Binfield Faculty Senate President and Faculty Representative to the Committee

John Young Staff Congress President Jeremiah Johnson Student Government Association President, Student Representative to the Committee, and Student Regent

Roslyn White Staff Representative to the Committee

Renee Fister Faculty Regent

Phil Schooley Staff Regent