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Iowa Board of Regents seeks feedback for ISU presidential search

AMES, Iowa -- What qualities should the Iowa Board of Regents look for in their search for a new Iowa State University president?

The Regents are seeking feedback, beginning this week.

Those interested in sharing their thoughts on this question can post comments at www.presidentsearch.iastate.edu/qualities/, beginning April 6. All comments will be public. This site may also be accessed from a link on the Iowa State and Iowa Board of Regents home pages.

In addition, the board will host an open forum on the ISU campus in Ames from 5 to 6:30 p.m., April 27, in room 275, Scheman Building. Anyone who wants to discuss the leadership priorities and desired qualities of ISU's next president is invited.

"Although we're in the early stages of organizing the search process, we think it's important to hear from students, faculty, staff and other individuals who have an interest in Iowa State and the selection of the new president," said Board of Regents President David Miles.

"Our objective is to launch a successful presidency, not merely to hire a new president. Identifying the desired qualities for the next president of Iowa State is a key first step, and we want to make sure we provide convenient ways for people to share their opinions," Miles said.

The Board of Regents today issued a request for proposal for consulting services to assist the board in the presidential search. Miles said a limited number of firms will be invited to make presentations to the board at its April 28 meeting at Iowa State. Presenting firms will be asked to recommend best practices for a successful presidential search process.

The Board of Regents expects to approve the formal search process at its June 8 meeting, Miles said.

On March 25, Iowa State University President Gregory Geoffroy announced his plans to step down no later than July 31, 2012. He will continue as president until a successor is named.

The nine-member Board of Regents governs Iowa's three public universities and two special schools, and is responsible for hiring and oversight of each institution head.