Memo to the Colby-Sawyer Community

Subject: The search for a new president

This is the first of several messages you will receive over the next few months, all intended to keep you informed about the progress of the search for Colby-Sawyer’s 8th president. The Presidential Search Committee will begin meeting late in August on a regularly scheduled basis and the search process will run throughout the fall semester. The committee membership is listed at the conclusion of this memorandum.

The committee will be assisted by the Academic Search Consultation Service of Washington, DC, a non-profit firm that has worked exclusively for 25 years in searches for presidents and senior administrators in higher education. Dr. Thomas B. Courtice will serve as the firm’s Senior Consultant to Colby-Sawyer and will provide counsel for the committee’s work throughout the course of the search.

In that regard, Dr. Courtice will be visiting the campus for two days, shortly after the fall semester begins, to talk with all Colby-Sawyer constituencies. His interviews and conversations will result in an important written profile which will outline Colby-Sawyer’s key institutional needs and priorities, and a related set of desired characteristics and talents for our next college president. In addition, the information that many of you provided to us last May will be included in Dr. Courtice’s research and review of Colby-Sawyer.

Lee Woodworth (Human Resources) will serve as the Search Committee’s administrative coordinator and we will work through her to build an inclusive schedule that will encourage participation by a wide spectrum of the campus community. The detailed schedule and more information about ways in which you will be able to provide your input will be announced near the end of the summer. We strongly urge you to share your thoughts and ideas in these discussions at an appropriate time during the two day period.

If you have any questions or comments at this early stage, please address them to either of us in care of Lee Woodworth at lwoodworth@colby-sawyer.edu. In so many ways, the success of our search will rely on the involvement of everyone in the Colby-Sawyer community, from the first activity in September to the final candidates’ campus visits sometime late in January and early in February, 2006.

Thank you for your interest and support.

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