August 31, 2005

To: The Colby-Sawyer Community

From: William Dunlap, Chair
Presidential Search Committee
Former Chairman, Board of Trustees

Subject: Presidential Search Update

This memo is the second of several that I plan to send to you this fall, all in an effort to keep you informed about the progress of the search for Colby-Sawyer’s next president. The Presidential Search Committee met for the first time on Monday, August 30. For your information, the committee membership is listed at the conclusion of this message.

Monday’s meeting was designed to establish the organizing principles for the search, to review and approve the search timeline, and to lay the groundwork for the first important steps that will launch the search. The timeline has been adjusted to begin the search this fall, in an effort to insure that the entire campus community can be fully involved. As many of you know, the committee is being assisted by Dr. Thomas B. Courtice of Academic Search Consultation Service. Dr. Courtice will be visiting the campus to talk with all Colby-Sawyer constituencies on Thursday and Friday, September 15 and 16. His interviews and conversations comprise the initial step in the Search Committee’s development of the presidential search profile, a description of the most significant attributes desired in our next president.

The Search Committee also approved an inclusive schedule for 9/15 & 9/16 that encourages participation by a wide spectrum of the campus community. Lee Woodworth, who is serving as the Search Committee’s administrative coordinator, will circulate this schedule in the next couple of days. Please plan to find a time on the schedule to participate in these discussions and to make your thoughts known. The Search Committee will reconvene early in October to finalize the Search Profile, after which advertising and candidate generation will begin.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding the search by contacting Lee at lwoodworth@colby-sawyer.edu.

Thank you for your continued interest.

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