
Dear Members of the SUNY Polytechnic Institute Community:

It is with great pleasure and excitement for us to announce that the process to identify the next President of SUNY Poly has started.

Search Committee

I am pleased to announce the membership of the Presidential Search Committee and to report we held our first meeting on February 1, 2023, where Chancellor King charged the group with its task to find SUNY Poly's next leader. SUNY Poly's Presidential Search Committee will conduct the search in accordance with SUNY's Presidential Search Guidelines.

The Search Committee is an essential representation of the great work that happens at SUNY Poly every day, and we are committed to the future success of the university.

The Presidential Search Committee members are:

College Council Representatives

RoAnn Destito - SUNY Poly College Council and Search Committee Chair

Mitch Ford - College Council Member

Keith Levatino - College Council Member

William Thickstun - College Council Member

Faculty Representatives

Kristina Boylan, PhD - College of Arts and Sciences Representative

Emilio Cobanera, PhD - At-Large Representative (Untenured Faculty)

Robert Edgell, PhD - College of Business Representative

Zhanjie Li, PhD - College of Engineering Representative

Jerome Niyirora, PhD - College of Health Sciences Representative

Linda Weber, PhD - Faculty Assembly/Senate Chair

Student Representative

Nicholas Rossi - Student Representative

Alumni Representative

Scott Shyne, '88, G'89

Foundation Representative

Heather Hage

Academic Dean Representative

Arthur Lu, College of Business

Professional or Support Staff Representative

Melissa Prest, Director of EOP and Multicultural Affairs

Chancellor's Representative

Randy VanWagoner - Member of the Chancellor's Senior Staff

Non-Voting Representatives

Zulaika Rodriguez-Awoliyi—Chancellor’s liaison representative (non-voting)

Andrea LaGatta - Campus Liaison

The Search Process

The process will be conducted using the representational search model. According to SUNY Guidelines, a representational search is where the search committee will be the representatives of the campus in lieu of campus visits and where the semi-finalists’ names are not publicized to the community.

During a representational search, members of the college council and other designated members of the SUNY Poly community will be invited to meet with the semi-finalist candidates under strict rules of confidentiality.

Presidential Search Website

We have also launched a Presidential Search Website to keep the community informed about the process. For all information on the position and process, please continue to [visit SUNY Poly’s presidential search website](#) for the search timeline and community updates where you will find the following:

1. An archive of public presidential search-related announcements to date
2. A search timeline
3. The advertisement for the position (Coming Soon)
4. Search Committee Membership
5. Campus Prospectus (Coming Soon)

Please refer anyone with questions about the search process to the website. If you have any questions or wish to nominate someone for the presidency at SUNY Poly, please email Zulaika.Rodriguez@suny.edu.

Thank you for your support and participation in the SUNY Poly Presidential Search.

RoAnn Destito

Presidential Search Chair, SUNY Poly