



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Dear Colleagues,

As you may be aware, three finalists for the position of Provost at Purdue University have now been invited for campus interviews. These finalists are: Dr. Camilla Persson Benbow, Dean of the Peabody College of Education and Human Development at Vanderbilt University; Dr. Donald P. Giddens, Dean of the College of Engineering at Georgia Institute of Technology; and Dr. W. Randolph Woodson, Dean of the College of Agriculture at Purdue University.

Having three outstanding candidates is an exciting opportunity for Purdue. Other institutions recognize the stature of our candidates; we know that we are competing with other major universities for highly sought after candidates. Thus, we are moving rapidly for the campus interviews and will hold these interviews early during the week following spring break.

Candidate interviews are scheduled as follows:

March 17	Dr. Donald P. Giddens
March 18	Dr. W. Randolph Woodson
March 19	Dr. Camilla Persson Benbow

In addition to scheduled meetings with specific campus groups, there will be an open forum for each candidate at noon on the respective dates in the South Ball Room of Purdue Memorial Union. The agenda for the visits will be announced very shortly.

I hope you will understand the importance of these visits and will make every effort to participate in interacting with these candidates. I welcome your feedback on the visits. Following these interviews, I would like to move quickly toward appointing a new provost.

Happy Spring Break! I hope you come back refreshed and ready to welcome our candidates.

Sincerely,

France A. Córdova
President