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U of I trustees seek input on presidential search

Town hall meetings are scheduled this month on each of the University of Illinois campuses to get input for the committee leading the nationwide search for a new president.

The meeting at the University of Illinois Springfield is the first and is scheduled for 11 a.m. June 23 in Room 3080 of University Hall.

The open-microphone forums will give faculty, staff, students, alumni and community members an opportunity to express their thoughts to help with the search, from the challenges a new president will face to the personal qualities needed for the position.

Several members of the search committee will attend each meeting, and input from the forums will be provided to the full committee.

The U of I board of trustees began the presidential search in March by appointing a 19-member committee to develop job qualifications and then identify and screen potential candidates. The committee will recommend finalists to the board, which plans to name a successor to President Robert Easter by late fall.

Easter became the university's 19th president in 2012 after 36 years as a faculty member and top administrator. He will retire on June 30, 2015.

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