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June 4, 2008

Mikey Bestebreurtje
Corporate Secretary
Board of Governors
State University System of Florida
325 W. Gaines Street, Suite 1614
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Re: Interim President, University of West Florida

Dear Mikey:

John C. Cavanaugh, the president of the University of West Florida, has tendered his resignation effective June 30, 2008. At a meeting May 19, 2008, the University of West Florida Board of Trustees formed a committee to recommend an interim President, with the expectation that it would begin a search for a permanent president promptly thereafter. The committee is comprised of four members of the UBOT, two community members, three persons selected by UWF faculty, one person selected by the Student Government Association, and one person selected by University staff. The Committee immediately began deliberations and is expected to recommend a candidate for interim president for consideration at a meeting of the Board of Trustees scheduled for June 17, 2008. The criteria identified by the committee are set forth on the Exhibit attached hereto.

We recognize that candidates for president of the University must be approved by the Board of Governors. Accordingly, we request that you include on your agenda for the BOG meeting for June 18-19 an item requesting approval of the candidate to be selected by the University of West Florida Board of Trustees.

Feel free to call if you have any questions or desire any further information.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Patricia D. Lott".

Patricia D. Lott
General Counsel

Attachment

Exhibit

- An earned Ph.D. required but may be waived if career experience is deemed equivalent or superior.
- Extensive senior executive experience, preferably in academic governance, demonstrating outstanding leadership qualities, professional accomplishments and ability to work within complex systems.
- Record of unquestionable personal integrity and character.
- Outstanding interpersonal/communication skills necessary to successfully attract talent, build strong external community relationships and raise funds from private sources, government and industry.