Three finalists for provost making public presentations on Tuesday

The three finalists for AU’s position of provost will make public presentations in the Broun Hall auditorium on Tuesday.

The finalists, all from Auburn, are Christine Curtis, professor of chemical engineering in the Samuel Ginn College of Engineering; John Heilman, senior presidential assistant; and William Sauser, associate dean and professor of Business and Engineering Outreach.

Curtis will speak at 1:30 p.m., Heilman at 2:45 p.m., and Sauser at 4 p.m.

Interim President Ed Richardson announced the three finalists last week.

“Like the rest of the university community, I look forward to hearing from each of these candidates next Tuesday,” said Richardson. “Regardless of which candidate is eventually successful, I’m comfortable that the Office of the Provost will be in extremely capable hands.”

Richardson chose the finalists from among 10 applicants after receiving input on each in meetings with the university’s deans, vice presidents and representatives of the University Senate and the AU Multicultural Diversity Commission.

Following the finalists’ public presentations, audience members may submit evaluation forms for each candidate. Richardson will consider those comments, interview each finalist and then select the new provost.

Once selected, the new provost will begin serving immediately, and the president will submit that candidate to the Board of Trustees for confirmation at the board’s April 22 meeting.

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AU Outreach awards grants for six faculty projects to aid county, state

AU Outreach has awarded more than $100,000 in faculty scholarship grants for 2004-05. The Outreach Office awarded grants to six projects out of 29 submissions.

“Promoting community and economic development throughout the state of Alabama is one of several goals of University Outreach,” said Vice President for Outreach David Wilson. “These six grants go a long way in helping to achieve this goal.”

“Last year we had $200,000 available for this effort, whereas this year we only had $100,000 available,” said Wilson. “Given the depth and breadth of the proposals this year, we are going to make every effort to increase the dollar amount available to faculty next year.”

The six projects selected for funding, the amounts and principal investigators are:

- “A Comprehensive Sickle Cell Medication Management and Education Program Supporting Juvenile Patients in the Lee County and Opelika School Systems,” $20,000, Gregory Kochak and John Gabee, associate professor, both from the School of Architecture; Linda Ruth, assistant professor, Building Science, College of Architecture, Design and Construction; and Emily Myers, associate clinical professor, Sociology, College of Liberal Arts.
- “Prevention of Relapse and Recidivism for Juvenile Patients in the Lee County and Opelika School Systems,” $20,000, Gregory Kochak and Pamela Stamm, both associate professors in the James Harrison School of Pharmacy.
- “A Community Outreach Center for Design and Construction,” $20,000, D. K. Ruth, Wiatt Professor and director emeritus of the Rural Studio, and John Gabee, associate professor, both from the School of Architecture; Linda Ruth, assistant professor, Building Science, College of Architecture, Design and Construction; and Emily Myers, associate clinical professor, Sociology, College of Liberal Arts.

Although the dollar amounts total $121,826, two of the grants were continuations of projects that received partial funding last year.

“It was difficult to identify which proposal to forward for funding consideration because of the high quality of all proposals,” said review committee chairman Roysticks Cook, who is special assistant to the vice president for University Outreach.

March 31 deadline set for nominations for $10,000 awards to honor teaching

The Office of the Provost has set a March 31 deadline for nominations for the first faculty awards under AU’s Gerald and Emily Leischuck Endowed Presidential Awards for Excellence in Teaching.

The new awards program will recognize Auburn’s top two teachers each year from among the tenured, full-time faculty. At least one recipient will be honored for excellence in undergraduate instruction and mentoring.

Each award carries a $10,000 stipend and will go to a faculty member who will be teaching at Auburn through the 2005-06 academic year. Nominations are due in the Provost’s Office by the end of the business day on March 31. That office will provide the nominees with details of materials that the selection committee will need for its review.

The selection committee will meet in late April and submit recommendations to the provost, who will meet with the president for selection of the two award winners in early May.

Starting in 2006, the nomination deadline will be moved up to Feb. 28.

Prominent ensemble to perform this week

The Auburn Chamber Music Society and the AU Music Department will present a concert by the Emmy-nominated St. Lawrence String Quartet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in Goodwin Hall.

Internationally prominent for its innovative arrangements and energetic performances, the string quartet is based in California, where it is ensemble in residence at Stanford University. Founded in 1989 in Toronto, the ensemble has performed to rave reviews throughout North America and Europe.

The string quartet received two Grammy nominations in 2003 for their compact disc titled “Yiddishbuk” and won a 2001 Juno Award, Canada’s version of the Grammy Awards, for its recordings of works by Shuman and Tchaikovsky.

At Auburn, the group will perform specially arranged renditions of works by HAYDN, SHOSTAKOVICH and others. Admission at the door is $10 for university students, free for younger students accompanied by parents and $20 for others.