Who will recoup UHD from 2009?

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With his educational background centered around criminal justice and multi-disciplinary social sciences, Dr. Senese has been a professor teaching classes in research methods related to criminology, statistics, and corrections. Along with his role as a professor, Dr. Senese is currently the President of Academic Affairs at Philadelphia University. His vision for UHD seems to include actions that improve academic quality and add “appropriate” curricula – perhaps an MBA program. His vision does seem to be split between the faculty and students. According to his curriculum vitae, he has highlighted his ability to raise rather significant sums of money for various state funded projects. He has also published numerous articles and editorials on topics such as faculty retirement, academic leadership, and criminal justice. He also has a claim to a published book concerning research methods in criminology. Like Dr. Sanborn, Dr. Senese seems to have a proven track record in raising funds for various types of public projects. This type of experience can prove to be useful to us students and faculty at UHD, depending on course on what he considers to be useful spending of the funds raised.

Jeff D. Senese

A bit of a nervous speaker, but nonetheless a well-qualified candidate with a diverse background in various educational institutions and learned in political science, public policy and social theory. Dr. Flores currently holds the position of Deputy Secretary of the New Mexico Higher Education Department, an appointment made by the incumbent governor of New Mexico, Bill Richardson. Due to his active involvement in New Mexico's state-wide academic goal – to provide and enable access for all New Mexicans to the state's colleges, as well as workforce education, adult education and other community education projects – his current position is one that could be construed as recent relevant experience that a candidate should have in applying for the presidency of UHD. Dr. Flores has stated his belief that a successful president of any public university must be a visionary and one with good communication skills. It seems that Dr. Flores has the former, but lacks some refinement in the latter. Nevertheless, Dr. Flores’ intentions seem to be in the right place. He seeks to translate his varied and diverse experience into a vision for UHD, a vision where he hopes to increase the exposure of UHD to the local and national communities. This vision is one that hopes to bring a more diverse array of students and faculty to UHD – a benefit that we all can share in.

William V. Flores

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Running for UHD President

Johnson’s Points

• Interim vice president for Enrollment Management and Student Affairs at CSU.
• For 30 years Johnson was the executive vice provost for Academic Affairs at Syracuse University.
• Other positions he held at Syracuse include interim dean of the Graduate School.

A rather soft-spoken individual coming from a rather different educational background compared to the other candidates, Dr. Johnson’s mathematics education can be perceived as more individualistic than public service oriented. As with the other candidates, Dr. Johnson also holds a diverse background in service to higher education as exemplified by his current position as the interim Vice President of Enrollment Management and Student Affairs at Chicago State University (CSU) where he has sought to be an integral part of the student-oriented university by emphasizing collaboration between students and faculty. However, he seems to believe that any university cannot be successful in achieving its unique goals unless the faculty is fully supported and strengthened. He has published numerous books on teaching mathematics to elementary and middle school pupils as well as some articles concerning diversity in graduate education and educational policy. His experience as a tenured full professor at Syracuse University and the University of North Texas coupled with his experience at a rather heavily student-oriented university makes him a strong contender for this presidential search at UHD.

Sanborn’s Points

• President and CEO of Children at Risk
• Taught at UHD as a lecturer since 2007.
• Vice president for Enrollment and Student Services at the University of Tulsa from 1999 to 2000 where he oversaw the creation of a new orientation program.
• Speaks Spanish fluently.

Another well qualified candidate with a diverse background in education, as well as political science, Dr. Sanborn is quite adept in performing public speaking duties. He is charismatic, intelligent, and has a good sense of humor; all good qualities for a president of any sort of institution. However, his vision for UHD might perhaps be too narrowly focused as displayed by his rather strong affinity for first generation college students since he was included of this demographic back in his college days. Although this affinity for such a constituency is admirable, his rather constant reference to this at the open forum back in May 12th does seem to omit other constituencies; particularly the faculty. I asked Dr. Sanborn if he had a sense of demographic back in his college days. Although this affinity for such a constituency is admirable, his rather constant reference to this at the open forum back in May 12th does seem to omit other constituencies; particularly the faculty. I asked Dr. Sanborn if he had a sense of him as to who might be the strongest candidate since she will be the one to recommend a finalist to the UHS Board of Regents, who will then decide by majority vote who will lead our coveted university into the 2nd decade of the 21st century.

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Which Candidate Should Become the New UHD President?

Jeff D. Senese
William V. Flores
Howard C. Johnson
Robert D. Sanborn

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