CSI presidential search begins with community forums

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TWIN FALLS – The College of Southern Idaho’s search for its next president starts with an invitation to the community and CSI staff to participate in an open forum on Thursday, July 11 conducted by Dr. Pam Fisher from the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT). Fisher will be CSI’s consultant throughout the process.

Two public forums will be held on July 11 at the Herrett Center’s Rick Allen Room, the first at 9:30 a.m. and the second at 2 p.m. In addition to explaining how the search will be conducted, Fisher will explain how ACCT’s role meshes with CSI and why it’s important to have outside guidance in the process.

The current search was initiated when Dr. Jerry Beck, who has been CSI’s president since 2005, announced his retirement in light of recent health issues that might require additional surgery rehabilitation that interfere with Beck’s day to day responsibilities. Longtime local banker and CSI Foundation executive Curtis Eaton has been named interim president while the search is conducted for a new president.

The public will be encouraged to provide feedback on two questions: What challenges and opportunities does CSI face in the next three to five years? What qualities and skills do you want the CSI president to possess?

CSI will activate a special website very soon that will provide information specific to the presidential search as well as the latest updates from the CSI Presidential Search Committee. Members of that committee are: Committee Chair Dr. Allan Frost; Community members Rosemary Fornshell, Brian Williams, Cally Grindstaff, and Chuck Coiner; Tina Standlee from CSI’s Professional and Classified Employee organization; CSI Instructional Dean Terry Patterson; CSI Faculty Senate President Jim Woods; CSI Student Body President Kendall Lindley; and CSI Trustees Jan Mittleider and Laird Stone who will each serve as non-voting liaisons to the committee.

Anyone interested in providing feedback is encouraged to send comments to Dr. Fisher at pamfisher@bresnan.net. For more information on how ACCT assists its member institutions with presidential searches, go to http://www.acctsearches.org/