# No progress made in Provost search

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Interim Provost Richard Coughlin

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Future Provost

The search for a permanent Provost is, in many ways, back to square one.

Another Provost search has not yet been initiated, though University President Troy Paino said he thinks there probably will be a permanent Provost in place by the end of the school year.

After rejecting the two finalists brought to campus in May, Paino released the Provost search committee from its duties.

"What I've been spending the summer doing is trying to spend a lot of time assessing the needs that I have and the University has, and then the right person to really meet those needs," Paino said.

Part of those needs, Paino said, involve finding someone to complement his own skills.

"The first thing I need in a Provost is someone who I trust implicitly and completely," Paino said. "Another thing that I'm really looking for in a Provost is someone whose values align with mine. And also I'm looking for someone who is as committed to the mission of the University as I am."

The first decision that needs to be made, Paino said, is when to initiate another Provost search.

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Paino said his decision not to extend an offer to one of the two finalists invited to campus in April was not a reflection of the candidates' capabilities.

"It was probably more a reflection on where I am in terms of trying to make a decision for where we want the University to go," Paino said. "And I just wasn't comfortable that I knew exactly who [the best candidate] would be at that time."

A few months after his choice, Paino still said he made the right decision not to offer either candidate the job.

"This is arguably the most important decision I make in my early presidency," Paino said. "And I came to the conclusion that I'm not going to make a move or make a hire until I know that it's the right decision."

However, Paino said if another search takes place this year, there is a high likelihood that it will result in a hire. He said he does not want to put the University through a third Provost search.

Paino said he does not think holding off on hiring someone will be negative for Truman.

"I have tremendous confidence in our interim Provost Richard Coughlin," Paino said. "And so, as a result of that confidence, I don't feel the need to rush into anything."

Coughlin said he will retain his interim position as long as is necessary to find the permanent Provost. Coughlin said he expects to be in that office at least through the fiscal year.

"I'm very flexible," Coughlin said. "I've told President Paino that it's really up to him. I'll just roll up my sleeves and do some work."

Coughlin said a big part of his job as interim Provost is making sure academic affairs runs efficiently.

"As a new president, he will face certain things for the first time," Coughlin said. "So what I have to do is make sure the Provost's office is managed well enough and the affairs that the Provost is involved in so that the president isn't unnecessarily distracted from dealing with the new things I think he has to deal with."

This is an ongoing goal, Coughlin said.

Along with that goal, Coughlin said the big items on his plate involve dealing with the academic budget and learning the job of Provost.

Though he will not be involved in choosing the next provost, Coughlin said the position should be filled by someone who understands and is looking for the kind of mission the University has and appreciates its focus on academics.

Isaac Robinson, president of student senate, who served on the Provost search committee, said though a Provost was not chosen, the committee did serve its purpose.

"I think we brought who we believed to be the strongest candidates at the time from the pool that we had, to campus," Robinson said. "Then after that, our job was only to advise and bring them to campus and then see what feedback we received from faculty, students and staff. And then, based on that, President Paino would make a decision."

Robinson said the timing of the search didn't give the committee as much time or options as he would have liked.

"Having more time on our side and going at a different time of the year, I think we'll have a successful search if there is one in the future," Robinson said.

Since the Provost forums were held during finals week last spring, Robinson said he got some, but not a lot, of feedback from students.

Robinson said holding the forums at an earlier time in the semester would engage more students.

# Renting books offers cheaper option

BY STEPHANIE HALL
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Selling textbooks back can be a pain. Either the textbook is overstocked, not being used or is an international copy that's illegal to sell in the United States. For the few lucky textbooks that are bought back, it usually is for a painfully small portion of the original price.

However, the Internet phenomena of renting textbooks has finally made its way from cyberspace to Kirksville.

Steve Pennington, Truman State University Bookstore manager, said renting a textbook is usually approximately 45 percent of the cost of buying a new textbook. He said renting came as part of a Barnes and Noble program that began last semester.

"They tested it last semester in 25 schools, and it was pretty successful," Pennington said. "So they rolled it out to 300 schools this semester."

The rental textbooks are available online and in the store. Pennington said the store has about 300 textbook titles to rent out of the approximately 1,000 titles available. The Barnes and Noble home office makes the final decision on which textbooks will be "rentable" and will control the future increase or decrease in title availability.

Rentable textbooks at the Truman Bookstore will have a "rent me" sticker and the price will be alongside the new and used prices. Pennington said new books are used as the rental books unless the store only has used books. He also said the rental fee would be the same for a new or used book.

To rent a book, students will need to fill out some paperwork and provide a credit card number for security reasons.

"You will get charged for a replacement fee for the books," Pennington said.

At the completion of finals week, students have 10 days to return their books. He said students could mail their books back or drop them off at the Truman bookstore. Pennington said students will be able to use their books normally without fear of being charged minimal amounts for damages.

"As long as you don't destroy the book or damage it beyond resale, you are good." Pennington said. "You can use it normally, highlight in it, normal wear and tear is fine."

Patty Bolz, Patty's University Bookstore owner, declined comment on the story.

Postgraduate student Samuel Schnurbusch said he rented his first textbook from Patty's University Bookstore. He said he noticed the sticker on one of the books he was buying but declined the offer.

"This first time I was lazy and didn't want to do anything different," Schnurbusch said. "The second time I said, 'It's $60 cheaper, so I'll look into it.'"

The book he rented was originally $90 and he rented it for $30. Schnurbusch said he thinks he'll be happy renting and will possibly rent again if he's not planning on keeping the textbook.

"I think since you get so little money back for your book, the money you save is so much more," Schnurbusch said.

While many students often look online to buy and sell textbooks through Ebay, Amazon and Half.com, the website Chegg.com has specialized in renting textbooks. It has caught the eyes of many cash-strapped college students with its wide selection of textbook titles for rent and free returns. Chegg has more than 4.2 million textbook titles, according to it's website.

The company also has a unique marketing tool in that, for every customer that rents a textbook through Chegg, a tree is planted through the American Forests' Global ReLeaf program, according to Chegg.com.

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**Friday, August 27th 6 PM- Hawaiian Progressive Dinner at various locations. Catch Ekklesia's bus at the Campus House at 5:45 PM**
**Sunday, August 29th 7:30 PM- Free BBQ "Dan's Dogs" at Church**
**Monday, August 30th 9-10 PM- Spiritual Nightcap DEVO (Be filled with the Spirit, not Spirits!)**
**Wednesday, September 1st- Activities Fair, visit Ekklesia's Booth on the Quad**

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