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# SVC outlines qualities it seeks in new president

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MOUNT VERNON — Skagit Valley College is seeking a candidate who is passionate about the college's mission, communicative, energetic and has a sense of humor.

Almost like an executive-level personals ad, the college has outlined the qualities it seeks in a new president to replace Gary Tollefson.

Tollefson announced in April that he will retire in December, and a 13-person search committee outlined a profile for the ideal candidate.

A candidate must be able to foster a culture of community at the college, guide course offerings to respond to evolving demographics and economic needs, and support student and faculty engagement, the profile said.

The candidate should have a combination of academic and administrative experience. He or she should have experience engaging the community and the legislature, and making adjustments to budgeting in response to changing financial situations, according to the profile.

Board of Trustees Chair Debra Lisser said the college has started advertising the position and is sending information to all college presidents and human resources directors within the American Association of Community Colleges.

SVC is doing the search through Gold Hill Associates, a North Carolina firm dedicated solely to community college presidential searches.

The 13-person search committee is made up of two board members, three faculty members, three community members, two students and three staff members.

Tollefson will leave after nine years at the college and is planning to retire in Portland, Ore.

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