



# NEWS

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## Four finalists named for next president at North Seattle Community College

SEATTLE – Four candidates have been named as finalists in the search for a new president at North Seattle Community College.

North Seattle is one of three colleges in the Seattle Community College District, which also includes Seattle Central Community College, South Seattle Community College, and Seattle Vocational Institute. College presidents report to the chancellor and also serve as vice chancellors responsible for coordinating specific district-wide areas such as instruction and student services.

The national search drew 30 candidates from across the country. A search committee composed of 18 college faculty, students, classified and exempt employees and community members interviewed seven semi-finalist candidates. The names of the finalists have been forwarded to the district chancellor for final interviews.

The four finalists are:

### **Warren J. Brown, Ed. D.**

Dr. Brown is currently the Executive Vice President for Instruction and Student Services at Seattle Central Community College. He came to Seattle Central in 2010. Previous positions include Dean for Student Learning at Cascadia Community College, Associate Dean for Academic Support at Whatcom Community College, and Communications Studies faculty member at Pierce College. He is currently an adjunct faculty member in Seattle University's Educational Leadership program.

### **Daryl Campbell, J.D.**

In June 2013, Mr. Campbell was appointed the Interim President of Shoreline Community College, where he had served as the Vice President of Administrative Services since 2008. Before coming to Shoreline, he worked at Goddard College (Plainfield, VT), serving first as Dean and later as Vice President for Finance and Administration. Mr. Campbell worked eleven years in the private sector in the fields of health, nutrition and fitness before transitioning to higher education in 2001.

### **Richard Penny, Ph. D, M.B.A.**

Dr. Penny has served as Vice Chancellor for Advancement and External Relations at the University of Washington Bothell since 2008. Previous positions include Interim Executive Director of Advancement for the Seattle Community College District, and Executive Director of Fund Development at South Seattle Community College. He has taught at several universities and is currently an Affiliate Assistant Professor in the School of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math at UW Bothell.

### **Rachel H. Solemsaas, Ed. D.**

Dr. Solemsaas is currently the Vice President for Finance and Administrative Services at Truckee Meadows Community College in Reno, NV. Previously she served as Vice President for Administrative Services at Bellevue College and Vice President for Finance and Operations at Edmonds Community College. She has been an invited guest lecturer on topics such as diversity and higher education governance and funding.

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The hiring process also includes campus visits and interviews. The new president is expected to assume leadership of the college by July 1, 2014.

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