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Business college dean search narrows to two candidates

Dean candidate Kenneth Evans visited the University Tuesday to meet students and discuss his interests

By Chelsea Duncan
News Reporter

The search is on for a new dean of the Charles H. Lundquist College of Business. The current dean, Phil Romero, said he has decided to step down in June after accomplishing his goals for the school.

Two finalists have been selected so far from a pool of about 75 applicants from around the world, College of Arts and Sciences Dean Joe Stone said.

"We're looking for someone who can provide strong leadership … both academically and for the faculty and students," said Stone, chair of the business school's dean search committee.

Kenneth Evans — associate dean of the College of Business at the University of Missouri-Columbia and a finalist for the position — met with a group of students on Jan. 6 to discuss his potential role at the University.

Senior business major Amanda Condon said she attended the meeting because she thinks it's important for students to be involved in the process of choosing a new dean.

"I think he should be accessible so he knows what the students want," she said about the individual selected as the new dean.

Senior business major Nick Bogen said the new dean should have a strong focus on undergraduate students in the college and added that students should be involved in the decision.

"I just feel it's kind of my duty," he said. "I have an interest to see further success of the business school."

Evans told students at the meeting he is interested in solving the many problems an administrator faces, which he considers "an interesting puzzle."

Danielle Hickey Photo Editor

Kenneth Evans, a candidate for dean of the business school, takes notes and answers questions from students on Tuesday morning.

"I think the dean provides academic leadership to the college," he said.

He said some of his goals for the college would be to bring more visibility to the school and more private funding for scholarships.

The second finalist, James Bean, University of Michigan's associate dean for academic affairs at the College of Engineering, is expected to visit campus near the end of January, Stone said.

Throughout the hiring process, one person's input will be missing; Romero said he isn't participating in the search for his replacement.

"I am deliberately staying away from the dean search because I don't want to introduce any of my biases in it," Romero said.

Romero said now that he has accomplished his main goals for the college, it is time for some "fresh blood" to take over.

His largest goal, which Romero calls his "800-pound gorilla goal," was the new building for the college of business.

Romero's other goals included making the business school more competitive in order to keep up with the business-education industry.

"It's critical that a program differentiates itself," he said.

Romero said he also raised national and international visibility and ensured the school was re-accredited by the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business.

Romero said he isn't sure yet what he will do after he steps down as dean at the end of June, but one option is to remain as a faculty member at the University and teach.

"I thought it was a good time to quit while I was ahead," he said.

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New Eugene public library celebrates its first birthday

Nearly 3,000 community members gathered to help commemorate the library's first anniversary on Saturday

By Noriko Miyazaki
Freelance Reporter

The new Eugene Public Library, touted as a major achievement in Eugene's effort to develop downtown, celebrated its first birthday Saturday.

About 3,000 community members participated in the celebration activities, which included Argentine tango, marimba music, storytelling, a juggling show and a jazz dance performance by the University's dance team.

Tango dancer Marisela Rizik, who emigrated from the Dominican Republic 20 years ago and now resides in Eugene, said it is a rewarding experience to perform her ethnic dance at the aesthetic new facility, located at West 10th Avenue and Olive Street.

"It's a wonderful library," she said. "We are happy that we could do something for the community. I'm having a great time."

Community member Tony Myers came to the event to show support for the library. Myers said he enjoys the library's excellent offerings.

"I am a wheelchair user, but the accessibility of the library is absolutely wonderful," he said. "I like this ample space, much better than the old one."

The four-story library is approximately three times bigger than the old library, an increase from 38,000 square feet to 130,000 square feet.

"It's been a great success," said Tylar Merrill, marketing coordinator at the Eugene Pubic Library. "We're keeping track of how many people are going through at each of the performances, and every one is packed."

With increased capacity and services offered at the new facility, the library also attracts more people now.

"We have been in this building for about a year, but we're still getting close to 1,000 new cardholders each month," Merrill said. "That's been pretty consistent."

University librarian Tom Stave attended the event with his 12-year-old daughter and said he comes to the Downtown library to feel a sense of the Eugene community.

"I do most of my reading at the U of O library, but I just enjoy being here," he said. "I like to mingle with the public and the community."

Stave said his favorite time at the library begins as the lights turn on.

"At night, this library has the lights on, and it's like a glittering jewel," he said.

Noriko Miyazaki is a freelance reporter for the Emerald.

CAMPUS BUZZ

Monday

LGBT Winter Welcome Social, Alumni Lounge, Gerlinger Hall, 4:30 p.m.-6 p.m.

Ecological Design Center Lecture, Room 206, Lawrence Hall. Steve McGuire, Eugene Building and Permit Services Division Plan Review supervisor, will discuss "Building Codes and Sustainability: How They Can Work Together" at 5:15 p.m.

Today's crossword solution

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"Part of the problem is, (Plummer) did not see the events that led up to her boyfriend being put on the ground," he said. "There's not a question that that was a lawful arrest. "

"She had been drinking at the time, and that's obviously going to affect her perception," he added.

Accounts of the incident given by Plummer and others largely matched what officers wrote in their reports, Williams said.

Plummer said she was dissatisfied that all her inquiry yielded was a phone call from Williams, however.

"He was just trying to convince me that everything that happened was common procedure in dealing with a party," Plummer said. "He told me it was perfectly normal. If it is, then they're brutal to everyone."

Williams said he sympathizes with the stress Plummer went through, but that officers did nothing wrong.

"I don't expect her to be happy," Williams said. "These kinds of opinions are really hard to respond to."

The inquiry did not result in any disciplinary action, and EPD considers Plummer's inquiry "resolved," EPD spokeswoman Pam Olshanski said. Dalgaard opted not to pursue an inquiry, and one student contacted the department about the incident but has not returned Williams' calls.

"From the standpoint of the police department, we looked into the matter and consider it closed," Williams said.

Dalgaard declined to comment, citing his upcoming trial on two counts of interfering with police in connection with the incident.

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