A UT Martin search committee has identified four finalists from a national candidate pool in the search for a new university provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs. Each candidate will participate in an open forum session during which members of the campus and area communities can discuss topics of interest.

All open forums will begin at 3:30 p.m. in Watkins Auditorium on the first floor of the Boling University Center. All sessions are open to the public.

Dr. James Ermatinger is currently interim vice chancellor for academic affairs and provost at the University of Illinois Springfield. In this position, he is responsible for the oversight of four academic colleges, including all academic programs for both undergraduate and graduate-level students, as well as the college library and the university’s Center for State Policy. Ermatinger holds both bachelor’s and master’s degrees from San Diego State University and a doctorate from Indiana University.

Dr. Eric Link is dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne. The College of Arts and Sciences is the largest college at IPFW and includes 17 departments and programs as well as a number of research centers, interdisciplinary programs and outreach activities. Link holds a bachelor’s degree from Evangel University, a master’s degree from Southwest Missouri State University and a doctorate from Purdue University.

Dr. Steven Ralston is the provost and vice president for academic affairs at Morehead State University, where he oversees four academic colleges, several success and development centers, the honors program, college library and other areas relating to the academic success of university students. He holds a bachelor’s degree from Old Dominion University, a master’s degree from the University of Tennessee and a doctorate from Indiana University.

Dr. Jay Gatrell currently serves as vice provost at Bellarmine University in Louisville, Ky. In that capacity, he is responsible for the offices of sponsored projects, study abroad, veteran’s affairs, homeland security, and institutional research and effectiveness. He also oversees various development initiatives, biosafety procedures, accreditation compliance and the institutional review board. Gatrell holds a bachelor’s degree from Eastern Michigan University, a master’s degree from the University of Toledo and a doctorate from West Virginia University.

UT Martin launched a national search for a new provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs after Dr. Jerald Ogg, who has held the dual position since 2011, decided to return to the faculty in the UT Martin Department of Communications.

“UT Martin could not be more grateful for (Dr. Ogg’s) service and dedication to this post, and I wish him well as he returns to the faculty in the Department of Communications,” said Chancellor Keith Carver in a previously released statement. “The person selected to follow him will have big shoes to fill, and we are dedicated to finding the right person to advance UT Martin’s academic goals.”

The vice chancellor for academic affairs is UT Martin’s chief academic officer. This position articulates a vision for academic affairs, provides leadership for the academic planning process and is responsible for the university’s core academic mission. The university provost directs the institution in the chancellor’s absence.

Ashlie Czyz, director of human resources programs and executive recruiter for the University of Tennessee System, is serving as executive recruiter for this position. For more information, contact Czyz at aczyz@tennessee.edu.

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**Open Forums**

All held from 3:30-5 p.m. in Watkins Auditorium

Dr. James Ermatinger – today  
Dr. Eric Link – April 17  
Dr. Steven Ralston – April 20  
Dr. Jay Gatrell – April 24
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(Pictured, l-r) Amy McLean, Dr. Cindy Boyles and Dr. Kyle Dempsey, all from the Department of Behavioral Sciences, recently presented work at the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Commons Conference in Savannah, Ga. McLean presented a poster titled “Effectiveness of Service Learning on Retention and Community Involvement at a Southern Regional State University - Initial Findings.” UT Martin faculty members Dr. Lindsay Anderson, Department of Behavioral Sciences; Dr. Emalee Buttrey, Department of Agriculture, Geosciences and Natural Resources; and Dr. Anderson Starling, Department of Accounting, Finance, Economics and Political Science, also contributed to the work. Boyles and Dempsey presented a research paper titled “Exploring Enjoyment in Distance Learning Environments.” The Title III grant provided partial funding for their travel.

Dr. Sean Walker, associate professor of management, recently presented two papers at the Academy of Business Research Spring Conference in New Orleans, La. The presentations were titled “Psychological Distancing Effect: The Moderating Effect of Social Identity Theory on Perceptions of ‘Others’” and “Reasonable Accommodation: How do LGBTQ and Religious Rights Coincide?”

Dr. Charles Hammond, associate professor of German, recently presented a paper titled “The Cross-Examination of Georg Bendemann: In Defense of the Father in Kafka’s ‘Das Urteil’” at the 2017 conference of the Austrian Studies Association in Chicago, Ill.

Last to discuss exhibit

Lane Last, professor of art, will discuss his Hal and Alma Reagan Faculty Leave project, titled “Stone between Earth and Sky,” at 7 p.m., April 11, in UT Martin’s J. Houston Gordon Museum, located inside the Paul Meek Library. Last’s presentation will focus on his photography and Hirosaki City, Japan, where the photographs currently on display were taken. His trip to Hirosaki City in fall 2014 served as inspiration for the photographs and stereoscopic images that comprise the exhibit.

“My leave project developed out of an idea I had upon returning stateside to turn a selection of the pictures I took into 3D-like form to share a more vivid experience,” said Last.

Community members can view this exhibit from 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., weekdays, now through April 20.

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“First Reported Occurrence of ‘Rhaphanocrinus’ from Gravel Deposits of West Tennessee.” The research was co-authored with Dr. Elizbaeth Rhenberg (UT Martin, ’05), assistant professor of geology at Earlham College in Richmond, Ind., and Brant Gibson (UT Martin, ’15), a doctoral candidate at Vanderbilt University in Nashville. The fossil specimen the group examined was brought to their attention by Kyle Winstead, a current UT Martin engineering student.

Dr. Michael Gibson, professor of geology, recently attended the 2017 Southeastern Section of the Geological Society of America meeting, where he presented a research poster titled

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Finalists identified in UT Martin search for athletics director

A UT Martin committee has identified four finalists in the national search for a new director of intercollegiate athletics, and candidates will visit campus in the coming weeks.

Each finalist will participate in an open forum presentation to which UT Martin faculty, staff and students, as well as community members, are invited. All open forums will begin at 2:30 p.m. in room 229 of the Boling University Center.

Shannon Ealy most recently served the University of Alabama at Birmingham as senior associate athletic director for internal operations. During almost eight years with the university, Ealy was involved in the master planning of campus athletic facilities, budget management, fundraising efforts, search and recruitment, program administration and athletic marketing campaigns. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from the University of Wisconsin-Platteville and a master’s degree in sports administration and facility management from Ohio University.

Tim Duncan is currently the director of athletics for Clayton State University in Morrow, Ga. Since accepting that position in 2014, Duncan has been involved in student development, recruitment and hiring of head coaching staff, budget management, athlete compliance and fundraising. He holds a bachelor’s degree in business administration from Memphis State University and a master’s degree in sports administration from Grambling State University.

Kurt McGuffin currently serves as director of athletics for Missouri Western State University in St. Joseph, Mo. In the past six years with the university, McGuffin has been involved in budget management and fundraising, facility enhancements, student-athlete academic improvements and the addition of new athletic options. He holds a Bachelor of Science in education from Kansas State University and a Master of Science in education from Wichita State University.

Steve Schofield has been with the University of Northern Iowa since 2006 and has held the positions of assistant director of athletics for compliance, associate director of athletics in the areas of student services, internal and external operations. He is currently deputy director of athletics for external operations, a position he has held since July 2015. During his tenure with UNI, he has helped develop an integrated branding and marketing strategy, manage the licensing and trademark program, produce a documentary television show on the men’s basketball program, plan conference tournaments and post-season events, and oversee all institutional sports camps. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Northern Iowa and a master’s degree in higher and postsecondary education from Arizona State University.

Julio Freire served as UT Martin’s director of intercollegiate athletics from January 2014 until accepting a position with the University of Pittsburgh in March 2016. Kevin McMillian and Mike Swaim have since served as interim directors, and Swaim will continue in the post until the position is filled. A new director is expected to begin work July 1.

UT Martin is a member of the Ohio Valley Conference and competes in NCAA Division I in both men’s and women’s sports and the Football Championship Subdivision. For more information, contact the UT Martin Office of Intercollegiate Athletics at 731-881-7660.

Open Forums

- Shannon Ealy
  - April 12
- Tim Duncan
  - April 17
- Kurt McGuffin
  - April 19
- Steve Schofield
  - April 25

All held from 2:30-3:30 p.m. in the Boling University Center, room 229.
HOLDING COURT – The Tennessee Court of Appeals met at the University of Tennessee at Martin on April 4 to hear four cases on the docket. The Court of Appeals is one of Tennessee’s two appellate-level courts and focuses on civil cases from trial courts and certain state boards and commissions. Pictured are regular court members (seated, l-r) Judge Brandon Gibson and Judge Steven Stafford with Circuit Judge Jeff Parham sitting as a special judge. Chancellor Michael Maloan also served as special judge for two of the four cases heard. The court’s appearance was hosted by the UT Martin College of Business and Global Affairs.

SUPREME COURT APPEARANCE – Three justices from the Tennessee Supreme Court attended a reception for legal professionals held April 4 in the Dunagan Alumni Center. Chancellor Keith Carver (center, left) is pictured with (l-r) Justice Holly Kirby, Chief Justice Jeff Bivins and Justice Roger Page, who attended UT Martin from 1973-75 before beginning pharmacy school. Judges and attorneys from across the region attended the reception to mark the special session of the Tennessee Court of Appeals held earlier that day. Many of these distinguished guests are UT Martin graduates and spoke highly of their alma mater. Look for an article on the reception and those alumni in an upcoming issue of the Campus Scene alumni magazine.

UT Martin remains one of the safest public campuses in Tennessee

According to the 2016 Crime on Campus Report released by the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, UT Martin remains among the safest public four-year college campuses in the state.

“The safety of our students and employees is a top priority at the University of Tennessee at Martin,” said Chancellor Keith Carver. “We are continually looking for new and innovative ways to promote a culture of safety on campus.”

The data shows that UT Martin reported the lowest number of index crimes of all public four-year universities in Tennessee and closely follows East Tennessee State University for the lowest rate of index crimes per 1,000 people.

Index crimes are those considered serious felony offenses and include murder, kidnapping, robbery, aggravated and sexual assaults, arson, burglary and motor vehicle thefts. UT Martin had 43 such offenses reported in 2016, with an average of 5.74 incidents per 1,000 people. The university also reports a 35 percent clearance rate for these offenses, giving UT Martin the highest index crime clearance rate among its reported peers.

UT Martin also had the lowest number of group A offenses with 84 incidents reported in 2016 – an average of 11 reports per 1,000 people. Group A offenses are serious crimes that do not fall under the umbrella of “index crimes.” UT Martin reported a 49 percent clearance rate for these offenses, giving the university the highest group A crime clearance rate among its reported peers.

The UT Martin main campus is patrolled 24 hours a day, and the campus community is consistently taught how to be security-minded in their daily activities. Freshmen attend special training sessions in their first year to instruct them on basic personal safety, property security and an awareness of their surroundings.
FACULTY INDUCTED INTO PHI KAPPA PHI – Five UT Martin faculty members were inducted into the UT Martin chapter of the Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society during an induction ceremony and banquet held April 6. Pictured (l-r) are Dr. Michael Kempf, associate professor of biology; Dr. Joseph Ostenson, assistant professor of psychology; Merry Brown, lecturer of philosophy; and Dr. Margaret Lewis, assistant professor of history. Not pictured is Dr. Joshua Guerin, assistant professor of computer science.

(below) FACULTY RECOGNIZED AT HONORS DAY – UT Martin’s annual Honors Day program was held April 9 in Watkins Auditorium. Pictured below are (seated, l-r) Dr. Lisa LeBleu, family and consumer sciences, Coffey Outstanding Teaching Award; Alicia Maya Donaldson, behavioral sciences, Outstanding UTAA Teacher Award; Dr. Curtis Kunkel, mathematics, Cunningham Outstanding Teacher/Scholar Award; Dr. Ashley Kilburn, marketing, Outstanding UTAA Teacher Award; Dr. Jack Grubaugh, biological sciences, Outstanding Academic Advisor Award; (standing) Dr. Sandy Mehlhorn, agricultural engineering, and Dr. Daniel Nappo, Spanish, both 2016 Outstanding UTAA Teacher Award recipients; Dr. Margaret Toston, vice chancellor for student affairs; Chancellor Keith Carver; Dr. Jerald Ogg, vice chancellor for academic affairs; and Josh Diltz, president, Student Government Association. Not pictured is Dr. Paula Gale, soil science, Cunningham Outstanding Teaching Award.
Question – Is fishing permitted in Pacer Pond?

Answer – Fishing is generally not allowed in Pacer Pond; however, there are a few exceptions. The UT Martin Student Wildlife Society occasionally holds a youth fishing rodeo in April. This event is free and open to the public, for children 12 and under. Students in the wildlife and fisheries biology program sometimes fish the pond (“hook and line sampling”) for various faculty-approved class and research projects. Maintenance of the pond is minimal, and the fish populations are monitored and managed by the fisheries faculty member when one is present. The pond is heavily used by faculty and students in the departments of biology and agriculture, geosciences and natural resources. Students in the Honors Program, the AGN Fellows Research Program, independent studies and other research efforts also use the pond for a wide variety of research purposes.

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