Caboni Hired – Search Process

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Almost a year to the day that WKU President Gary Ransdell told the Board of Regents he planned to retire in 2017, the same board approved hiring his successor.

Amy Bingham looks back on the process that led to hiring Timothy Caboni in this week’s View from the Hill.

The Presidential Search Committee charged with naming WKU’s 10th President completed it’s work ahead of schedule. Dr. Gary Ransdell will remain at the helm through June 30th but after a year of searching, the person who will be handed the reigns has been identified.

 “It’s my privilege to be a Hilltopper. Go Tops.”

 “I am satisfied with the end result.”

Chairman of the Presidential search committee Phillip Bale is talking about last week’s hiring of Dr. Timothy Caboni as WKU’s next president.

 “Having his youth and energy and vision I believe we have the guy that will lead us forward.”

Caboni had a whirlwind visit to campus after being identified as the preferred candidate.

 “We never ruled out the possibility that we would bring two or three finalists to campus but as things unfolded one candidate just happened to stand out and really was the overwhelming choice.”

Board of Regents chair Freddie Higdon praised the committee for its diligent work.

 “The Search committee was engaged, the search committee asked the tough questions, the search committee represented their constituents appropriately.”

Before the search even began the committee sought input from the campus and community. Then a search firm hired, advised that confidentiality is key.

 “In today’s world of social media of tweeting and twittering you really have to have confidentiality if you are going to have best candidates.”

Caboni, who received a Masters Degree from WKU in 1994, says he’s honored to have gotten the job.

 “It’s a remarkable honor and humbling opportunity to come back home to my alma mater and lead this remarkable institution.”

Allowing the search committee to close the book on a job well done. “Never in my wildest dreams would I have thought that we would have the perfect search and I really think we had the perfect search.”

Dr. Caboni signed a four year contract on Friday. Bale says the key word now is transition as Caboni will have five months before officially taking over the office of President on July one.

With this week’s View from the Hill, I’m Amy Bingham.

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