

Meyer, Terry

From: Brian Desmond <bed@agbsearch.com>
Sent: Monday, January 11, 2016 4:57 PM
To: Meyer, Terry
Cc: James McCormick; Janice Fitzgerald
Subject: Fwd: Email from applicant #25 withdrawing from the search

Hi, Terry. Per your request, here is the email we received from applicant #25 withdrawing from the search. -Brian

----- Forwarded message -----

From: dblacketter [REDACTED]
Date: Thu, Jan 7, 2016 at 1:51 PM
Subject: Re: Open-Records Request for UND Presidential Search
To: Brian Desmond <bed@agbsearch.com>
Cc: James McCormick <jhm@agbsearch.com>, Janice Fitzgerald <jsf@agbsearch.com>

Jim
After thinking further I have decided to withdraw my name for consideration. Several reasons. While it is an opportunity for me, it is not in the best interest of Montana Tech. We are about a third of the way into a large campaign and it is going well. We are also preparing for major accreditation visits. As well as new program approvals at the March regents meeting. Also the open search laws, such as they are, while not totally a show stopper, it certainly plays into the decision. I also understand that at this time with names being released I may be in the list. Such as it is. But noting I have withdrawn can be noted.

In my nearly five years here this is the only president job I have applied for - but is premature for me at this point.

I'm deeply appreciative of your time and advice. The timing is never perfect, but I suspect in a year or two I will be wanting an opportunity at a larger institution.

Again thank you. I'm sure we will talk again soon.
Don

On Jan 6, 2016, at 7:09 PM, Brian Desmond <bed@agbsearch.com> wrote:

Dear Don:

I am writing on behalf of AGB Search consultant Jim McCormick. As you know from our earlier correspondence, the State of North Dakota has an Open Records and Meetings Law. The North Dakota University System office has received an open-records request regarding the names and materials of the applicants for the University of North Dakota presidency. The system office will redact personal information from all documents before releasing them; the release is currently scheduled to occur this Friday morning. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us. You may reach Jim directly at jhm@agbsearch.com or on his cell phone at [651-238-5188](tel:651-238-5188). Thank you.

All the best,

Brian

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