SEARCH YIELDS FOUR FINALISTS FOR UM RESEARCH VICE PRESIDENT

MISSOULA --

A geneticist, a biologist, a pharmacologist and a pharmaceutical chemist have made the final cut in The University of Montana's search for vice president for research and development. They will hold public forums on campus starting Tuesday, April 23.

The four finalists, chosen from a field of 175, are Patrick Flanagan, vice president for research at the University of Louisville; Walter Bollenbacher, associate vice chancellor for research development at the University of North Carolina—Chapel Hill; Iain Buxton, director of medical research and assistant dean for research at the University of Nevada School of Medicine; and Matthew Ames, director of research at the Mayo Clinic.

The University welcomes interested townspeople to the forums, scheduled as follows:

- Flanagan: 2-4 p.m. Tuesday, April 23, University Center Ballroom.
- Bollenbacher: 3-5 p.m. Wednesday, April 24, Dell Brown Room, Turner Hall.
- Buxton: 3-5 p.m. Tuesday, April 30, University Center Montana Rooms.
- Ames: 3-5 p.m. Monday, May 6, Liberal Arts Building Room 303.

Flanagan, vice president for research at the University of Louisville, is also dean of the graduate school and acting director of the Institute for the Environment and Sustainable Development. In 1995 he developed a national conference on partnerships in sustainable development. Flanagan has a doctorate in microbial genetics from McGill University.

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Bollenbacher has a doctorate in biology from the University of California—Los Angeles and is a biology professor at North Carolina—Chapel Hill besides being associate vice chancellor for research development. He also directs the university’s program for minority advancement in the biomolecular sciences and administers more than $5 million in current grants.

Buxton has been on the pharmacology faculty at the University of Nevada School of Medicine since 1985. He’s also taught at the University of California—San Diego, served as clinical pharmacologist at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in San Diego and done laboratory research at the Salk Institute for Biological Studies in La Jolla, Calif. He has a doctorate in pharmacy from the University of the Pacific.

Ames, who graduated from high school in Spokane, Wash., and earned a bachelor’s degree in chemistry from Whitman College, has been director for research at the Mayo Foundation since 1993. He began his Mayo career in the Department of Oncology’s Division of Developmental Oncology Research in 1977 and has been the division chair since 1987. He has a doctorate in pharmaceutical chemistry from the University of California.

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