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FINALISTS FOR UC DIRECTOR TO VISIT UM CAMPUS

MISSOULA --

The national search for a new director for UM's University Center has yielded three finalists, and interested citizens will have the opportunity to meet them at public forums next week.

Finalists, chosen from a field of 40 applicants, are:

William Fruth, director of the student union and coordinator of student activities for Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Maine; Gary Ratcliff, a doctoral candidate at Pennsylvania State University and former director of student activities and associate director of the student union at Mesa State College in Grand Junction, Colo.; and Bill Williamson, associate director of student life and director of the student center at the University of Alabama—Tuscaloosa.

The new UC director will succeed Kay Cotton, who is retiring at the end of June.

Public forums for the finalists, all held in the UC Montana Rooms from 4 to 5 p.m., are scheduled: Monday, May 20 for Williamson; Wednesday, May 22, for Ratcliff; and Thursday, May 23, for Fruth.

Each forum will be followed by an informal reception.

For the past six years, Williamson has been responsible for overall administration of Ferguson Student Center at the University of Alabama—Tuscaloosa. He previously served as associate director of the student union at New Mexico State University in Las Cruces, and has held several other student union and student affairs positions at NMSU and at Kentucky State University.
in Frankfort. He holds a master’s degree in educational guidance and counseling from Tennessee State University and a bachelor’s degree in history from Fisk University in Nashville.

Ratcliff, scheduled to receive his doctorate in higher education from Pennsylvania State University next month, was director of student activities, associate director of student life and director of public information at Mesa State College from 1986 to 1992. While at Pennsylvania State he has served as graduate assistant for the executive director of university relations and graduate assistant for the director of the Center for the Study of Higher Education. He holds a master’s degree in college student personnel and a bachelor’s in finance from the University of Maryland in College Park.

Since 1986, Fruth has served as Bowdoin College’s director of the David Saul Smith Union and Moulton Union and coordinator of Student Activities. Earlier, he was assistant director for programs and management at Shepherd College in Shepherdstown, W.V., a career counselor at West Virginia University Services Center in Morgantown, and a counselor in the student development office of Salem, W.V. He holds a master’s degree in counseling and guidance from West Virginia University and a bachelor’s in social science and education from San Diego State University.

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