

**Proposed UL Lafayette AAUP and Faculty Senate
Joint Statement on the Provost Search
May 2017**

The Faculty Senate of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, as well as the UL Lafayette chapter of the American Association of University Professors, is grateful for the hard work of the Search Committee for Provost of our institution. At the same time we regret the decision not to hire Dr. Yvette Alex-Assensoh, who was endorsed by the Faculty Senate and had broad support across campus. We request an explanation of the rejection of her application.

We further note that the number of faculty members not holding administrative positions on the current Search Committee for Provost of the University of Louisiana was very limited. We request that in the future all search committees that involve academic concerns be constituted with a majority of faculty from all ranks not currently holding administrative positions. We wish to meet with you in person to discuss these two matters early in Fall 2017.

These things having been said, we are pleased with the high quality of the candidates who visited our campus at the end of Spring 2017. We are especially impressed with the records of Dr. Jerold Hale and Dr. Cheryl Tornsey, both of whom have broad experience working on research and teaching with a wide range of faculty from a number of disciplines.