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SEARCH COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES SEMI-FINALISTS FOR PRESIDENT OF RAMAPO COLLEGE

(Mahwah) – The Ramapo College of New Jersey Presidential Search Committee today released the names of five semi-finalists for Ramapo College president. They are: Dr. Paul R. Keys, provost, vice president for academic affairs and student affairs, Governors State University (Illinois); Dr. Alexandra Woods Logue, provost, vice president for academic affairs, New York Institute of Technology; Dr. Peter Philip Mercer, former dean of the law school and vice president for administration at the University of Western Ontario; Dr. Daniel N. Nelson, dean, College of Arts and Sciences, University of New Haven; and Dr. Judith A. Ramaley, former president of Portland State University and the University of Vermont.

There were a total of 90 nominees and applicants for the position.

Each candidate has been invited to the campus for a two-day, intensive program of meetings with various campus organizations and representatives and an open forum.

- December 2 and 3: Alexandra Woods Logue
- December 7 and 8: Paul R. Keys
- December 9 and 10: Peter Philip Mercer
- December 13 and 14: Daniel N. Nelson
- December 20 and 21: Judith A. Ramaley

The Ramapo College Board of Trustees will select the new president after the final search committee recommendations have been made. Final recommendations of the search committee are expected on December 21.

Brief Biographies

Dr. Paul R. Keys is provost and vice president for academic affairs and student affairs at Governors State University (Illinois). Previously, he was a professor and associate provost for community service and service learning and dean of the College of Health and Human Services at Southeast Missouri State University. Dr. Keys also has served on the faculty of Hunter College Graduate School of Social Work (New York) and was a member of the doctoral faculty, CUNY Graduate Center. He is a Vietnam-era veteran, holding the rank of captain in the U.S. Air Force, where he was a missile combat crew commander. Among other publications, he has co-authored *New Management in Human Service* (National Association of Social Workers, 1988, 1995) and *School Social Workers in the Multicultural Environment – New Roles, Responsibilities, and Educational Enrichment* (The Haworth Press, 1994). He is a graduate of St. Louis University (B.S., Political Science and M.S.W.) and earned a Ph.D. in urban education/human resources management at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Dr. Keys also has attended the Harvard University Institute for Educational Management and has been a Fulbright Senior Research Scholar.

Dr. Alexandra Woods Logue is provost/vice president for academic affairs, and dean of the graduate school at the New York Institute of Technology. She previously served as dean, Weissman School of Arts and Sciences at Baruch College; chair of the Department of Psychology, SUNY Stony Brook; and visiting scholar scientist at Columbia University. Also at Stony Brook, she held positions as associate dean and professor. She was a National Science Foundation Graduate Fellow at Harvard University. She is a recipient of the Hake Award (from the American Psychological Association), and the Science Book of the Year Award (in Germany) for her book, *Psychology of Eating and Drinking* (Freeman, 1986, 1995). In addition, she is the author of *Self Control: Waiting Until Tomorrow for What You Want Today* (Prentice Hall, 1995) as well as more than 100 book chapters, papers and articles. She earned a Ph.D. in experimental psychology from Harvard University and an A.B. magna cum laude in psychology, also at Harvard.

Dr. Peter Philip Mercer has served both as dean of the law school and vice president for administration and general counsel at the University of Western Ontario, where he is a professor of law. He also has served as acting vice president for external affairs at Western Ontario and acting director of development. A former visiting research scholar at the University of Michigan, he has been a faculty member at the University of Calgary, the University of Detroit, and the University of Windsor. Dr. Mercer has received a Law Faculty Teacher of the Year Award at the University of Western Ontario and a Distinguished Service Award from the Canadian Association of University Business Officers. He is the author of *Products Liability in Canada* (Oceana, 1988); and co-author of *An Introduction to Business Associations in Canada* (Carswell, 1984). In addition, he has authored numerous articles, book chapters and reviews. His recent

Ph.D. from the University of Cambridge, earned an L.L.M. at the University of Cambridge and an L.L.B. at the University of Western Ontario, where he was awarded honors in English and Philosophy. He is currently on a study leave serving as principal consultant to the Ontario Ministry of Finance on integrated supply chain management in the Ontario public sector.

Dr. Daniel N. Nelson is dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of New Haven and was the founding director of graduate programs in international studies at Old Dominion University (Virginia). From 1998 to 2002, Dr. Nelson served in the U.S. Department of State and Department of Defense in the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency as William Foster Fellow working on conventional arms negotiation and later, as scholar in residence at the National Defense University's National Security Education Program. He also has been president/CEO of Global Concepts, Inc.; editor-in-chief of the scholarly quarterly *International Politics*; and senior foreign policy advisor, Office of the Majority Leader, Richard A. Gephardt, U.S. House of Representatives. He is the author of *Threats and Capacities* (Palgrave, 2004), *The Balkan Imbroglia* (Westview Press, 1991), *Romanian Politics in the Ceausescu Era* (Gordon and Breach, 1989), *Elite-Mass Relations in Communist Systems*, (Macmillan and St. Martin's, 1988), and *Alliance Behavior in the Warsaw Pact* (Westview Press, 1986), among other books and articles. He holds a Ph.D. and M.A. in political science from The Johns Hopkins University and a B.A. in political science and history from the University of Minnesota.

Dr. Judith A. Ramaley is currently assistant director for education and human resources at the National Science Foundation. She previously held positions as president and professor of biology at two institutions: the University of Vermont and Portland State University (Oregon), where the Oregon Legislative Assembly passed a resolution praising her "exemplary service" to the university. Prior to that, she was executive vice chancellor at the University of Kansas, vice president for academic affairs and acting president at the University at Albany (SUNY). She was a member of the faculty of the University of Kansas, the University at Albany and the University of Nebraska Medical Center. She is the author of *Covert Discrimination, Women in the Sciences* (Westview Press, 1978), *Essentials of Histology* (C.V. Mosby Company, 1974), more than 60 scientific journal articles as well as numerous journal articles and book chapters on higher education including a half dozen publications this past year alone. Her current writings deal with education and leadership and science education. She earned a Ph.D. at the University of California, Los Angeles, and a B.A. from Swarthmore College.

Detailed information about the candidates is available on the Ramapo College Web site, www.ramapo.edu. Click on "Presidential search."

It is expected the new president will be appointed effective July 2005.

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