

President Reappointment Committee

Presidential Review

Dr. Frits Pannekoek's first term as President of Athabasca University will end on June 30, 2011. Pursuant to the President's contract, Dr. Pannekoek has advised the Chair of Athabasca University Governing Council of his intention to stand for re-appointment as President. In accordance with policy, the Athabasca University Governing Council has struck a Reappointment Committee as set out in the Procedures for the Search/Appointment/Reappointment of the President Policy.

Feedback to Committee

An important aspect of the Reappointment Committee's responsibility includes seeking input from a broad range of individuals both within and outside the University. The Reappointment Committee seeks comments on Dr. Pannekoek's performance in any of the following areas as contained in the Strategic University Plan.

- 1. Ensuring Excellence in Learning** - Our goal is to continue to focus on the delivery of high quality open and distance education through a wide range of programs and courses.
- 2. Enhancing Open Access** - Our goal is to increase participation rates at Athabasca University and ensure that Athabasca University is accessible to students from diverse regions and backgrounds.
- 3. Focusing on Excellence in Research** - Our goal is to foster and expand research and scholarship at Athabasca University.
- 4. Building Communities** - Our goal is to promote collaboration and foster leadership in the communities we serve.
- 5. Recruiting and Retaining People** - Our goal is to recruit and retain the very best staff for our university.
- 6. Allocating Resources** - Our goal is to secure and steward the resources necessary for Athabasca University and its staff and students to achieve their potential.

In addition, the Reappointment Committee would be interested in any advice you might give Dr. Pannekoek regarding the enhancement of the University's position in these areas, should he be reappointed.

Individuals who wish to comment should do so in writing by sending comments marked confidential to the University Secretary caroll@athabascau.ca or the Chair at augcchair@athabascau.ca by March 10, 2010. Comments must be identified with the name of the individual making comment. Unattributable comments will not be considered.

All comments will be communicated to the Reappointment Committee and Governing Council anonymously. Strict confidentiality will be observed by the committee member(s) in receipt of the comments.

Barry Walker, Chair