

TO: The University Community

FROM: Edward G. Dykla, Chair  
NEIU Board of Trustees Presidential Search Committee

DATE: April 10, 2006

RE: University-wide Open Meeting, Monday, April 17, 2006

On behalf of the NEIU Board of Trustees Presidential Search Committee, I am inviting you to participate in a meeting on Monday, April 17, 2006, at 2:00 p.m. with Ms. Maria Perez, President of Perez-Arton Consultants, Inc. and Dr. Robert N. Aebersold, consultant with Perez-Arton. This will be an opportunity for members of the campus community to hear about the search process, ask questions, and share their own thoughts, suggestions, and ideas with the consultants who will be working with the Board of Trustees as we search for a new President for our University.

President and founder of Perez-Arton Consultants, Inc., Ms. Perez has conducted over 300 searches and management evaluations for academic and non-profit institutions. Prior to forming Perez-Arton Consultants, she was Director of Executive Recruitment and Evaluation for the City University of New York, where she supervised presidential searches and evaluations, as well as searches for system-level vice chancellors. A founding member of the American Council on Education's Search Roundtable, she is the author of articles on executive search in the academic community and an invited speaker at academic conferences and workshops. She has advised Northeastern in the past and is very familiar with our University.

Dr. Aebersold served as president of Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania for 13 years. During his presidency he expanded Slippery Rock University's International Programs to 28 colleges and universities in 17 countries. He co-chaired the executive committee for the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education's Executive Council, and was chair of the Commission for the Universities. He is a member of the boards of the Pennsylvania Association of Colleges and Universities, the University Center and the American Association of State Colleges and Universities.

They have a wealth of knowledge and experience, and we are delighted that they have agreed to advise us in this most important search. Please join Ms. Perez and Dr. Aebersold on Monday, April 17, 2006, at 2:00 p.m. in Room CLS 1002.