

ADVANCE Fall Leadership Workshop—Small Group Activity Feedback
“Recruiting and Hiring for Inclusive Excellence”
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Question: Given what you have just heard, what can you do differently to be more intentional to build a more inclusive faculty in two or more of the following recruiting/hiring procedures?

- 1. Language use in job ads**
 - a. Make inclusive language part of real job ad, not just the boilerplate template
 - b. Look at ads in different disciplines
 - c. Think of a way to link in new faculty code language to ad
 - d. Board search is better for diversity, especially for large departments
 - e. Balance searches (broad and narrow)
 - f. Look at subfields—some can be quite diverse
 - g. Use inclusive language such as “interdisciplinary,” “feminist/critical race,” “partner” (instead of spouse)

- 2. Selecting search committee members**
 - a. Bring in people from industry
 - b. Diversity training

- 3. Choosing a search committee chair**
 - a. Larger, longer term commitment, like chairing department committee
 - b. Not personally invested in search

- 4. Developing and expanding the short list**

- 5. Negotiating with the dean/provost**
 - a. Keep dean apprised of mission
 - b. Negotiating with dean for another position
 - c. You may not get another chance
 - d. Bring in more money and more resources
 - e. Make sure money is available for diversity focused conferences (including sending others to national conferences, for example, SACNAS)
 - f. Partner hiring—have a specific place to go for partner hires—info, timelines, etc.
 - g. Have specific contact person for partner hiring in dean’s office
 - h. Multiple hires with single position
 - i. Extra funding to bring in diverse candidates; more resources for identifying the pool (e.g. get 25% more money if pool is diverse)
 - j. Getting a better tool kit

- k. More periodic interaction
 - l. Funding for diverse speakers
- 6. Choosing the criteria to use to assess candidates**
- a. Avoid numerical rankings of candidates
- 7. Strategizing about resistant faculty and managing faculty push-back**
- a. Codifying criteria by which we will evaluate faculty and incorporate all those criteria into the job description
 - b. Need leadership from the chair in leading a conversation that diversity criteria (e.g. that mentoring of underrepresented groups is important)
 - c. Having these conversations in a large group that includes voting lecturers, such as a faculty meeting
Problem: how to get emeritus faculty (who typically harbor old-fashioned ideas) to stop exerting their influence and opinions on hiring decisions?