Hawkins Praises Search Committee Choice

The September announcement of the resignation of MSC President Thomas H. Richardson marked the beginning of a search, to last nine months and 600 candidates, for a person to succeed him. That search came to a close when the MSC Board of Trustees and the NJ Board of Higher Education approved the appointment of Dr. David Dickson as MSC's fifth president.

Dr. W. Lincoln Hawkins, Board chairman, explained the purpose of the search as being "to choose that person who seemed most likely to fill the role of college president." Hawkins stated that the search committee looked for a person with a very strong academic background. He called this characteristic important to continue the development of the college "into a broad-based liberal arts college."

Administrative abilities in colleges similar to MSC were also considered. Dickson, in addition to his current position as dean of current and developing education at the State University of Stony Brook, has served as vice president for academic affairs at Northern Michigan University, Marquette, Mich.

Hawkins said, however, that more important than these qualities is the ability "to relate well to the college as we understand Montclair State to be."

While Dickson does not officially take office until Sept. 1, August will serve as a transitional period between presidents. Hawkins called this period "a blessing." He explained that Jersey City State College is currently involved in a frantic search to find a successor to their president. Dr. James Mullin, who is also stepping down in August. The Board chairman said that the MSC search committee, having completed its own search is presently aiding JCSS in its effort.

NEW PRESIDENT NAMED

DICKSON TO TAKE OFFICE SEPT. 1

Dr. David D.W. Dickson, dean of continuing education at the State University of New York has been appointed president of Montclair State College. Dickson will take office on Sept. 1, 1973, replacing MSC's current president, Dr. Thomas H. Richardson.

The new president's appointment was announced Saturday by Dr. W. Lincoln Hawkins, chairman of MSC's Board of Trustees.

The New Jersey Board of Higher Education approved Dickson's appointment in private session on Friday.

Dickson was recommended by Montclair State's Presidential Search Committee, which has considered more than 600 candidates since its formation last September. The committee, headed by Gerald LeBoff, vice chairman of the Board of Trustees, was composed of 27 faculty members, students, administrators and alumni.

LeBoff commented that Dickson has "the resourcefulness, imagination, outstanding scholarship and humanistic qualities, which were sought by the search committee."

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