

As the “Confidentiality” turns

According to reports received, the CoB dean search committee has done their job and were reminded that they are sworn to secrecy about it all. Does this make any sense? Members of this committee are on it because some of them were appointed and some were elected. In theory, the committee represents the faculty and staff of the CoB. If that is the situation, why are the faculty and staff not allowed to know who this committee selected as its top choice for the new dean? Since there is such a limited voice for faculty and staff anyway, how could this information hurt anyone if it is made public? The only answer left is cover for the President if she does not agree with the committee's selection. She wants to operate in secret and not be held accountable for her decisions. That is unacceptable. The minimum asked in this kind of process is for the decision makers to state his or her decision and the reasons for it.

The expression is “Lead, follow, or get out of the way”, not “Hide, cover, and draw a big check”.