


# The Votes are in . . . Time for Counting

## PROVOST CHOICE SOON TO BE MADE AT UNIVERSITY OF WEST FLORIDA

With the completion of the campus visits of finalists Brenda Nichols of Lamar University (1-Nov and 2-Nov) and Ralph Rascati of Kennesaw State University (5-Nov and 6-Nov), the fall 2012 search for a new provost at the University of West Florida is quickly coming to a close. The final opinions of UWF constituents are now coming in, and a decision will be made on 9-Nov-2012 by the UWF search committee, and forwarded to the UWF president's office for consideration.

### Dr. Brenda Nichols




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**November 1**  
9:00-9:30 am Deans Council in Bldg 12, Alumni Room  
10:00-10:50 am Senior Administrators in Bldg 10, Downstairs Conference Room #131  
11:30-12:45 pm Deans in Bldg 10, Upstairs Conference Room # 224  
1:00-1:45 pm Faculty Senate Executive Committee in Bldg 10, Downstairs Conference Room #131  
3:00-4:00 pm Open Forum and Reception in Bldg 12, Alumni Room #150

**November 2**  
9:00-9:50 am College Councils in Bldg 12 Alumni Room #150  
11:00-11:50 am United Faculty of Florida and Faculty in Bldg 12 Alumni Room #150  
2:00-2:50 pm Centers & Institutes in Bldg 12 Alumni Room #150  
3:30 - 4:30 pm Search Committee Interview in Bldg 12, Alumni Room #150  
6:00 - 8:00 pm President's Cabinet at Jackson's Restaurant, Pensacola

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### Dr. Ralph Rascati



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**November 5**  
9:00-9:50 am Deans Council in Bldg 12, Alumni Room  
10:45-11:30 am Senior Administrators in Bldg 10, Downstairs Conference Room #131  
11:30-12:45 pm Deans in Bldg 10, Upstairs Conference Room # 224  
1:00-1:45 pm Faculty Senate Executive Committee in Bldg 10, Downstairs Conference Room #131  
3:00-4:00 pm Open Forum and Reception in Bldg 12, Alumni Room #150

**November 6**  
9:00-9:50 am College Councils in Bldg 12 Alumni Room #150  
11:00-11:50 am United Faculty of Florida and Faculty in Bldg 12 Alumni Room #150  
1:00-1:50 pm Centers & Institutes in Bldg 12 Alumni Room #150  
3:30 - 4:30 pm Search Committee Interview in Bldg 12, Alumni Room #150  
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There is little doubt in the USMNEWS.net newsroom that the [ultimate winner](#) will be Martha Saunders, [the finalist](#) who visited UWF first (back in late Oct-2012). Saunders is, of course, the former USM president (2007-2012) who “resigned” amidst a cloud of controversy back in April-2012 and returned to the USM faculty on 1-July-2012. Saunders’ [academic career](#) began at the Pensacola-based UWF more than 20 years ago. There, Saunders rose to the position of dean of the UWF school of arts and sciences. She left UWF for Columbus State University, where she served as provost, in 2002. Between CSU and USM, Saunders served as chancellor of the University of Wisconsin – Whitewater.

Stay tuned for updates as this saga comes to a close over the next several days.