

The University Faculty States as Follows:

Whereas the call for interim provost candidates distributed by the Office of the President on Jan 19, 2022 stated, “the person selected as interim Provost will not be eligible to be a candidate for the permanent position,”

Whereas ethical individuals who wanted to be considered for the permanent position did not apply for the interim position,

Whereas the President of the University committed in front of the entire University Senate on January 25, 2022 that the Interim Provost could not be a candidate for the permanent Provost position unless there was a failed national search,

Whereas the Auburn News announced to the entire University community on February 24, 2022 that, “Incoming-President Roberts will begin the nationwide search for a permanent provost following the start of his presidency on May 16. As interim provost, Nathan will not be a candidate for the permanent provost position. An acting dean for the College of Architecture, Design and Construction will be named in the coming weeks. Nathan will return to the dean position in the CADC when a permanent provost is selected,”

Whereas President Roberts failed to conduct a national search for the permanent Provost position,

Whereas an internal-only search committee was suddenly formed with Dr. Susan Hubbard, a direct subordinate of Dr. Vini Nathan, as the chair of the committee,

Whereas the only alternative finalists to Dr. Vini Nathan were also her direct subordinates.

WHEREFORE, THE PREMISES CONSIDERED, The University Faculty resolves as follows:

1. Dr. Vini Nathan should not be considered the legitimate Provost of Auburn University.
2. President Roberts should restore the integrity of his office by conducting a national search to hire a Provost of the highest ethical standards who will protect the academic freedom of the faculty.