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Finalists named in USD provost search

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Four finalists are vying for University of South Dakota's next provost and vice president of academic affairs.

Finalists, who were announced Monday, are Donald Nieman, college of arts and sciences dean at Bowling Green State University; John Ryder, international programs office director for State University of New York system; Barbara Schirmer, special assistant to the president at University of Detroit-Mercy; and Charles Staben, associate vice president for research at University of Kentucky.

Finalist Mark Lapping, who has the same provost position at University of Southern Maine, took himself out of consideration, USD spokesman Phil Carter said.

The 14-member search committee will conduct interviews with finalists in late March and early April.
