

Search Committee Guidelines for Interaction

- 1. We will agree on how we will make decisions before various stages of our work.
- 2. As we make decisions, we will agree on whether or not to prioritize job qualifications (as stipulated by the hiring authority or other stakeholders, including committee members).
- 3. We will reach consensus on how we will weight qualifications.
- 4. We will not expect members of underrepresented groups to be solely responsible for identifying candidates who will help to enhance diversity. Rather, each committee member will work toward that goal.
- 5. We will try to avoid unconscious biases. If we perceive that they are occurring, we will discuss them.
- 6. We will present and consider concrete evidence -- not opinion or hearsay -- about job candidates.
- 7. We will guarantee strict confidentiality regarding job candidates and the committee's procedures and discussions.
- 8. All members will have access to more or less equal "air time" during committee deliberations.
- 9. During interviews, we will use a variety of questions (e.g., standard questions, behavior-based questions, and simulations). Also, we will pose the same questions to every applicant, in the same order.

For more strategies and techniques, see: Moody, J. (2012). *Faculty diversity: Removing the barriers*. New York: Routledge.

