Public forum for Haenicke is April 17

A public forum for Diether H. Haenicke, a candidate for Western's presidency, will be from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 17, in the Dalton Center Recital Hall. All members of the University community have been invited to attend and participate.

As part of the public forum, Haenicke, who is vice president and provost at Ohio State University, has been asked to make a 15- to 20-minute presentation on "Issues Facing Higher Education in the Next 10 Years." A question-and-answer session is expected to follow.

Haenicke, 49, has been vice president and provost at Ohio State since 1983; he was acting vice president and provost in 1982-83. Before that, he was a dean between 1978 and 1983. In addition, he has been a professor of languages and literature from 1978 to the present. His degrees, including his doctor of philosophy degree, are from the universities of Gottingen Marburg and Munich, Germany.

Haenicke held a number of positions at Wayne State University in Detroit between 1959 and 1978, including: vice president, provost and professor, 1977-78; provost and professor of languages and literature, 1975-77; associate dean and professor, 1972-75; department chairperson and associate professor, 1971-72; and instructor, assistant and an associate professor of German, 1959-71.

Haenicke is a member of several professional and civic organizations, including: the American Association of University Professors; the American Association for the Advancement of the Humanities; the Modern Language Association of America; and the board of the Research Foundation of the Children's Hospital of Columbus.

He is the author of numerous publications.

Faculty, staff and student participation in the on-campus visits of the three finalists for Western's presidency is being stressed by the Board of Trustees.

"We want as much feedback as possible," said Trustee Charles H. Ludlow of Kalama-zoo, who is chairing the search committee.

During a two-day visit to campus, each candidate will meet with trustees, various employee and student groups, President Bernhard, Ombudsman Gregory W. Boothroyd, community leaders and the 17-member presidential search screening committee.

From 3 to 5 p.m. on the first day of each visit (see box), the candidates will participate in a public forum. Each finalist has been asked to make a 15- to 20-minute opening presentation on the topic, "Issues Facing Higher Education in the Next 10 Years." The forums will be videotaped for playback later in two different formats on closed circuit television on campus. The three opening presentations will be packaged together as one program of approximately one hour and the full two-hour sessions with each candidate also will be available for viewing after Thursday, April 18.

Resumes and comparative data on each finalist will be available in dean's offices, campus libraries (reserve desks) and at each forum.

Evaluation sheets also will be available at each forum for persons who wish to comment on the candidates. "The evaluation sheets are optional and are being made available as a means of communication with the selection committee and the Board of Trustees," Ludlow explained. "Individuals may share their impressions and/or concerns about the candidates with us, but these evaluation forms will in no way be considered a vote for a particular candidate."

Ludlow invites written communication about the finalists to be sent to any person on the six-member selection committee: Trustees Fred W. Adams, Maury E. Parfet, Geneva J. Williams and Ludlow; Ellen Page-Robin, sociology and gerontology program; and Dean R. Tyndall, occupational therapy.