

MOSCOW — State Board of Education President Milford Terrell said Boise State University's rise to greater prominence has not adversely affected the search for a new University of Idaho president.

“People who want to become president want to go to a land-grant institution,” Terrell said today. “They (UI) still have that land-grant name.”

He declined to say which school he views as Idaho's “flagship” institution. “Each one of the institutions think they're the flagship.”

The 10-month-long search for a UI president has been unsuccessful, with the top two candidates and another secondary candidate dropping out earlier this year.

Terrell has pledged that the position will be filled by the end of the school year on May 15. He declined to answer direct questions about the status of the search, but said the board is engaged in “direct negotiations.”

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*For more on this story, see Friday's Lewiston Tribune.*