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# Dr. Miller to leave presidency for other Institute service

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FACULTY, STAFF, AND STUDENT LEADERS

Paul A. Miller, President  
March 14, 1978

On September 25, 1974, at an official meeting of the Trustees' Executive Committee, I requested a discussion of my desire to return eventually to my disciplinary and professional concern for the relation of education and research to domestic and international development. At that time, I indicated that a period of two or three years should enable me to give what remained to be given during my term as the RIT president.

Yesterday (March 13, 1978) the Executive Committee, and later the full Board of Trustees, approved my request to be released from the presidency of RIT, on or about January 1, 1979, and subject otherwise to the Board's convenience, and that I be permitted to activate my professorships in continuing education and general studies. That this special moment is chosen to make the announcement is due to my desire to have all the facts of RIT made explicit before the review team of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools arrives in April, 1978. It pleases me that this request has been granted at a time when the Institute is strong and vital, when the Trustees continue their always full support of my administration, when all the major posts are filled with able people, and when I and mine feel such extraordinary affection for the people of RIT.

Therefore, I should cite the three reasons, and the only three, which underlie this request:

*First*, with my age, now 61, and my awareness of the special talent and zest which the next 10-15 years will demand of the RIT president, it has become imperative that my successor,

not I, be the principal architect of the Master Plan for the Eighties, the groundwork for which it has been my privilege to help develop.

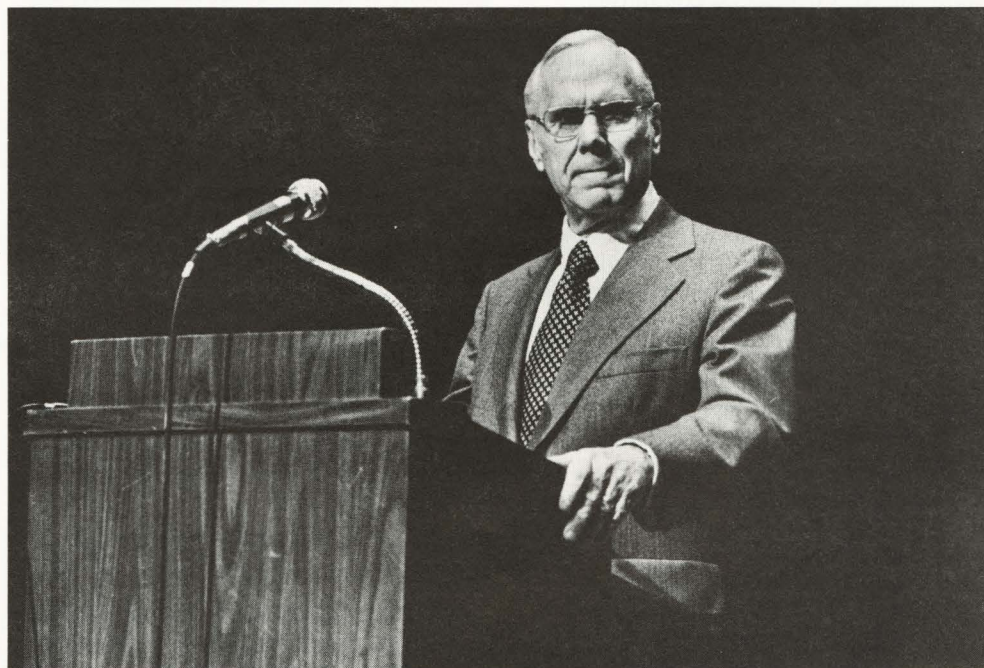
*Second*, for my entire career my interests have been torn between the administrative suite and the library book stacks. Perhaps, after more than 25 years of central administrative duty at three major universities, I can be forgiven now for allowing the book stacks to win the final victory.

*Third*, Francena and I long for more time together, to enlarge the spirit of family and avocation, and to

come to know colleagues and students in a more companionable way, aspects which have been subordinated for so long to administrative practice.

Finally, once my successor is found, (and he or she will come to one of the best college presidencies in the land), Francena and I have requested respective leaves of absence, in order to study in our fields of interest at a university in this country or abroad. Then (with you the faculty and staff, the Trustees, and God willing) we intend to return to RIT in order to labor further as teachers, community servants, and, hopefully, as adequate scholars.

Meanwhile, we shall work hard to keep the Institute moving forward, and to assist the transition in every possible way.



Dr. Miller addresses RIT community.



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## Eisenhart outlines search procedure

Following Dr. Miller's announcement yesterday of his decision to leave the RIT presidency by Jan. 1, Board of Trustees Chairman Richard H. Eisenhart outlined the procedures to be taken in choosing Miller's successor.

Eisenhart said the Trustees had approved the formation of a Search Committee consisting of seven trustees and other members of the Institute community.

Chairing the Search Committee will be William J. Maxion, chairman of the board and chief executive officer of Case-Hoyt Corp. and a Trustee member since 1970.

Other Trustees named to the Search Committee are Harris "Bud" Rusitzky; George S. Beinetti; Mrs. Julian Fitch; John D. Hostutler; Alfred M. Hallenbeck; and Russell McCarthy.

Jon Prime, vice president, finance and administration, will represent the RIT administration on the Search Committee, Eisenhart said, while Dr. Roy Satre, dean of Institute College will represent the Institute's deans.

In addition, three faculty members, two students and one alumni also will be named to the Search Committee. They will be selected later this month.

"This will give us time to notify those individuals chosen that Chairman Maxion is calling an organizational meeting of the Search Committee on Tuesday, April 4 at a luncheon at the Inn-On-The-Campus," Eisenhart added.

The Board chairman also told the packed audience in Ingle Auditorium of the Trustees' appreciation for Dr. Miller's performance as RIT president.

"I want to tell you on behalf of the Trustees what a wonderful job you're doing," he told Miller.

Eisenhart added that Dr. Miller would be "a tough act to follow," but vowed that the Institute "must go forward, and Paul Miller is the first one to say that all along."

## Dr. Miller active educator and leader in community

Paul A. Miller, president of RIT since 1969, was born in East Liverpool, Ohio, and lived most of his early life in West Virginia. He graduated from West Virginia University in 1939, and moved directly into its service as a county agricultural agent of the Agricultural Extension Service.

After World War II service with the U.S. Army Air Force, Dr. Miller earned his Ph.D. degree at Michigan State University, and subsequently moved through the ranks to become professor of sociology and anthropology there. Following four years as director of Michigan's Agricultural Extension Service, he was appointed, first, a vice president, then provost of Michigan State University in 1959. In 1961 Dr. Miller was appointed president of West Virginia University and served in that capacity for more than four and a half years.

In August, 1966, Dr. Miller was appointed by President Johnson to the position of Assistant Secretary for Education in the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare. In this post he engaged in educational planning duties and served as chairman of the Federal Inter-Agency Committee on Education. While serving in this post, Dr. Miller was associated with the development of the National Technical Institute for the Deaf, later to be established on the campus at RIT.

Called to the University of North Carolina at Charlotte in July, 1968, Dr. Miller became Distinguished Professor of Education and director of University Planning Studies. He was also Professor of Adult Education at North Carolina State University at Raleigh.

A very few of Dr. Miller's key assignments:

—Chairman, Council of Presidents, National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges, 1963.

—Member, President's National Advisory Commission on Food and Fiber, 1965-66.

—Chairman, Committee on Higher Adult Education, American Council on Education, Washington, D.C., 1968-72.

—Vice President for North America, International Council for Adult Education, 1976 to present.

—Chairman, Board of Directors of Buffalo Branch, Federal Reserve Bank of New York, 1977.

Dr. Miller grew up with a continuing interest in the earth, which remains reflected to this day in his research and writings in agriculture and conservation. It extends to international education where he worked with others in developing two institutions: the Colombian Institute of Agriculture in Bogota, South America, and the Morogoro Institute of Technology in Tanzania, Africa.

In February, 1976, Dr. Miller accepted service as chairman of one of the National Academy of Sciences' task forces dealing with the World Food and Nutrition Study. Dr. Miller chaired a sub-group on global research organization, charged to examine ways that the United States can strengthen the institutions concerned with international research and development in order to encourage improvement of food production and nutrition worldwide.

Dr. Miller will serve as Chairman of the Faculty at the three-week seminar on continuing education to be held in the summer of 1978 at Salzburg, Austria, as part of the Salzburg Seminars in American Studies.

Dr. Miller shares his experience with others as he engages in several civic pursuits, including service as a trustee of four colleges, and a director of two industrial boards.

Dr. Miller is author or co-author of three books, and more than 50 published articles dealing generally with constructive social change, agriculture, conservation, international development, and career education.

As the sixth president of RIT, a 149-year old urban, peoples university, Dr. Miller provides leadership for nine colleges on a still-new \$130 million campus. The Institute has more than 7,000 full-time day students and nearly 12,000 enrolled in RIT's College of Continuing Education.