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Hackney nominated for Washington job

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President Clinton yesterday nominated University of Pennsylvania president Sheldon Hackney to head the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The announcement had been expected.

Hackney, 59, has been at Penn since 1981. He is a professor of history who regularly teaches undergraduates in addition to serving as the school's 21st chief executive.

He said in a brief statement that he was "pleased" by the nomination "and if confirmed by the Senate, I will be honored to serve."

Hackney, a soft-spoken man who shies from the spotlight, was not on campus yesterday and was unavailable for comment. His prepared statement alluded to possible steps he would take to effect his resignation.

"Considering the implication that my possible departure has for Penn and its leadership, I have been giving the matter a great deal of thought," Hackney said in the statement. "I will have more to say about it at the end of this week."

Barbara Beck, a Penn spokeswoman, said a search committee would be formed to find a successor should Hackney resign. Penn's trustees
President is nominated for NEH post

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