

Trust Exchange Observed

At the first Presidential Search Forum that The Cooper Union Board of Trustees held on campus, the topic of the qualities that the Cooper Community sought in a new president was reframed by trustee [Cynthia Weiler](#) to focus on what the Cooper Community saw as its primary institutional priorities and qualities. The first answer from the attendees---without hesitation---was merit-based full-tuition scholarships, as articulated in Cooper's [mission statement](#). A commitment to diversity was also promptly made. Ms. Weiler highlighted the stature of the faculty and she reaffirmed her own financial commitment to The Cooper Union.

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