Dear Bereans,

Following last fall's announcement of President and Mrs. Roelofs' upcoming retirement, we were pleased to accept the invitation to serve as co-chairs of the search process that will identify Berea College's 10th president. We are writing to offer this update as the process gets underway.

Our partners from Academic Search met late last month with the Board of Trustees and Presidential Search Committee members to begin planning and gathering input for the search. Bereans from across the campus community will also have an opportunity to offer input through listening sessions led by Academic Search, which will be held at various locations on campus from **March 14 through March 16**. These sessions will provide critical opportunities for all community members to share their thoughts about the College's future priorities as well as the characteristics and skills needed in our next president. **More information will be forthcoming soon about the scheduling of these sessions.**

We know this is a busy time in the semester but hope you will make every effort to meet and talk with the Academic Search team as we begin this journey. Your insights and those of other members of the campus community will be summarized in a leadership profile that will be used to introduce Berea College and this unique opportunity to prospective candidates. This is among the most important phases of the search process and one in which all Bereans can make contributions. We encourage you to participate and to contribute your insights in this early but critical stage of the search.

Thank you for your interest in and support of the College. We begin this journey humbled to serve and deeply committed to doing our best, along with the other trustees, students, faculty, and staff serving on the search committee, to support Berea's enduring mission which has transformed the lives of thousands of Bereans, including both of us.

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