

Dear Fellow Bucknellians,

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I write to share with you news about the timing and process of the search for the next president of Bucknell University.

The Board intends to formally initiate the search shortly after the September Board retreat being held on campus September 10-12. Our seventeenth president will assume the leadership of one of America's finest institutions of higher learning, and we will conduct a comprehensive search consistent with the best standards of executive searches in higher education. Thanks to the effort and dedication of Bucknellians across many generations, our University enjoys a stellar reputation for the strength and richness of the academic program; the quality of students, faculty, staff, and alumni; and extraordinary support from alumni, parents, and friends. We fully expect to identify a first-rate leader capable of building on the successes of President Mitchell's tenure, carrying this great institution forward, and further strengthening the University's reputation for excellence nationally and internationally.

I am pleased to announce that Bucknell trustee, alumnus, and parent Steve Holmes '79, P'06, P'08, P'12 will serve as chair of the presidential search committee. Steve, who is chairman and CEO of Wyndham Worldwide Corporation, brings to this assignment exceptional commitment to the University, wide-ranging search experience at the executive level, and intimate familiarity with the caliber and potential of Bucknell. We are grateful to Steve for accepting this important role.

Steve will announce the other members of the search committee shortly. The committee will include representatives from the trustees, faculty (including the chair of the faculty) and administration/staff; a student; a member of the Alumni Board; and a member of the Parents Board, as well as an on-campus administrator to support the committee's work. This week, the Board will issue a call for proposals from leading higher education search firms to assist the committee in conducting a comprehensive search. The goal of the Board is to identify and appoint the next president so that he or she will be ready to assume office effective July 1, 2010.

Everyone on the Board looks forward to working closely with the Bucknell community to identify the University's next president. We will keep the campus community informed as the search process unfolds.

Sincerely,

Ken Freeman '72  
Chair, Board of Trustees