Bucknell has consistently and necessarily evolved since its founding as the University at Lewisburg nearly 170 years ago, confronting the challenges of the day while seizing upon the opportunities that lay before it. This has made it possible for us, collectively, as trustees, faculty, and staff, to find ourselves in the privileged position of stewarding this great institution. Though our path forward will rarely if ever be universally agreed upon, we have reached a moment in time in which we once again take a significant step in our evolution.

The Board of Trustees is the fiduciary body entrusted with the long-term sustainability and advancement of the University. On this date, October 17, 2015, by unanimous vote of those present, we assert that the establishment of a College of Management uniquely positions Bucknell to further enhance the rich and wide-ranging undergraduate, residential-learning opportunities it provides, while remaining true to the University’s history and mission:

“Bucknell is a unique national university where liberal arts and professional programs complement each other. Bucknell educates men and women for a lifetime of critical thinking and strong leadership characterized by continued intellectual exploration, creativity, and imagination.”

– Opening of the Bucknell Mission Statement –

Through this decision we seek further distinction for Bucknell. Upon the strength of our academic core we will forge new bridges between Arts & Sciences, Engineering, and Management, enabling Bucknell to deliver educational experiences and interdisciplinary opportunities unattainable at traditional liberal arts, engineering or business colleges. We eagerly anticipate the College of Management founding date of July 1, 2017, and the years and decades ahead as we strive to build the finest University we can imagine.

We express our sincere gratitude to the faculty and staff for the thorough and insightful debate that helped inform our decision, and for the ongoing conversations that will be essential to make this transition successful — not for any one part of the University, but for Bucknell as a whole. We appreciate that there is much work still to be done and are deeply grateful for your continued investment of the time, energy and intellect that is essential to advancing Bucknell.