

Colleagues,

The search has started for a new chief academic officer of Morehead State University. I have appointed Ms. Beth Patrick, Chief Financial Officer and Vice President for Administration, to serve as chair of the Search Committee. The next Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs is expected to take office by July 1, 2014.

The University has contracted with Harris Search Associates, an internationally recognized executive search firm with more than 25 years of experience, to assist the Search Committee with this important task. An aggressive, national search will be conducted to identify the best person available to lead our academic enterprise into a new and challenging chapter in the life of this great institution.

Eight other persons will serve on the Search Committee, including Dr. Clarenda Phillips, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs; Dr. Bob Albert, Dean of the College of Business and Public Affairs; Dr. Lesia Lennex, Professor of Education; Dr. Janet Ratliff, Assistant Professor of Management/Entrepreneurship; Dr. Kimberly Clevenger, Coordinator of BSN Program; Dr. Robert Royar, Associate Professor of English; Dr. Shannon Harr, Director of Research Integrity & Compliance; and Mr. Andrew Abbott, President of the Student Government Association and Student Regent.

The position will be advertised later this month in *The Chronicle of Higher Education* and other publications. In addition, an online site is being created to keep the campus community informed about the search and also to provide a job description and an online application.

Wayne D. Andrews
President