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TO: Boston University Faculty and Staff

FROM: Kenneth Lutchen, University Provost and Chief Academic Officer ad interim 

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SUBJECT: Announcement of the Search Advisory Committee for the Dean of the Wheelock College of Education & Human Development

As we begin the process of selecting the next dean of the Wheelock College of Education & Human Development, the first step is to constitute the search advisory committee. The [BU Faculty Handbook](#) specifies that: *“the advisory committee shall consist of three faculty members elected by the faculty of the School for which a dean is to be selected, two faculty members elected by the Faculty Council from other Schools, and as many as three members designated by the provost.”* In addition, the provost appoints the chair of the committee.

I am pleased to announce that we have completed this initial step, and the membership of the Search Advisory Committee for the Dean of the Wheelock College of Education & Human Development (Wheelock) is listed at the end of this memo. I thank the Wheelock faculty and the University’s Faculty Council for their efforts to elect members to serve on this critical committee. I would also like to thank, in advance, the members of the search advisory committee for their service and give special acknowledgement to Mariette DiChristina, dean of the College of Communication, who will serve as chair.

The charge to the search advisory committee and the process by which it should conduct its work is outlined in my [memo of September 5](#). I will soon convene the committee to provide them with further specifics of their charge, with the expectation that they will immediately begin the work of consulting with faculty and relevant stakeholders, soliciting nominations, recruiting outstanding candidates, and evaluating the qualifications and strengths of nominees and applicants. I will ask the search advisory committee to forward the names of 3-5 qualified candidates to me by **March 1, 2024**, for final selection of the dean by President Freeman and approval by the Board of Trustees.

The selection of a new dean is among the most important decisions we make. I look forward to working with the search advisory committee to identify and recruit an outstanding faculty leader to serve as the next dean of the Wheelock College of Education & Human Development.

cc: Kenneth W. Freeman, President ad interim
Kimberly Howard, Chair, Faculty Council
Provost’s Cabinet

Search Advisory Committee for the Dean of the Wheelock College of Education & Human Development

Chair:

Mariette DiChristina, Dean, College of Communication (selected by the University Provost)

Members:

Kathleen Corriveau, Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs; Professor of Applied Human Development, Wheelock College of Education & Human Development (selected by the University Provost)

Stephanie Curenton, Professor of Teaching & Learning; Director, Center on the Ecology of Early Development, Wheelock College of Education & Human Development (elected by the Wheelock College of Education & Human Development)

Ellen DeVoe, Professor of Clinical Practice; Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, School of Social Work (elected by the Faculty Council)

Joshua Goodman, Associate Professor of Education, Wheelock College of Education & Human Development; Associate Professor of Economics, College of Arts & Sciences (selected by the University Provost)

Jennifer Greif Green, Professor of Special Education, Wheelock College of Education & Human Development (elected by the Wheelock College of Education & Human Development)

Kevin Lang, Laurence A. Bloom Professor of Economics, College of Arts & Sciences (selected by the University Provost)

Luise Pernar, Associate Professor of Surgery, Chobanian & Avedisian School of Medicine (elected by the Faculty Council)

Eleonora Villegas-Reimers, Clinical Professor and Chair of Teaching & Learning, Wheelock College of Education & Human Development (elected by the Wheelock College of Education & Human Development)

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