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Dear Averett University:

Don Aungst, VP and CFO/COO and I have been involved with an initiative of conducting a university-wide IT Assessment. A Workgroup was assembled, an RFP issued, and responses to the same evaluated by the Workgroup. Workgroup members included: Lisa Stewart, Don Aungst, Dana Mehalko, Dan Hayes, Shellylyn Boelsche, Stacy Gato, John Hoag, and Meg Stevens. Based on the advice of the Workgroup, Don and I selected Moran Technology Consulting (MTC) as the firm to take the lead regarding the assessment process. This independent assessment will review the current state of information technology staffing, resources, infrastructure, utilization of existing software modules and applications, and how well IT services are delivered and received. The assessment report will provide a roadmap for success with recommendations for improvements and the related timeline for implementation of those recommendations.

For the past 5 years I have had the honor of leading the IT Department at Averett University. As we move forward with the IT Assessment and implementing changes to support the technology needs of our campus, I feel now is an appropriate time for me to step down as University's Chief Information Officer. It has been a privilege to work with the campus community to identify ways where technology can positively impact the lives of our students, faculty, and staff. For now, I will continue to work within the IT Department and work 'behind the scenes' on completing some open projects.

Don and I are pleased to announce that effective immediately, Michael Boehm will serve as interim Chief Information Officer, reporting directly to Don. Michael comes to us with over 30+ years of IT experience and 15+ years in higher education as a CIO. Michael will be leading the IT team and working directly with the Workgroup, Moran Technology, and others on the IT Assessment.

Over the next few weeks Michael will be meeting with many of you. I ask that you welcome Michael and encourage you, as IT "customers", to reach out to Michael to share your thoughts, concerns, and ideas. He has a reputation as being very collaborative and comes with a firm foundation in customer service. I know he would welcome the opportunity to meet with you and hear your thoughts.

Thank you again for your continued support of IT. Please don't hesitate to reach out to Michael. His email address is: [mboehm@averett.edu](mailto:mboehm@averett.edu). He can also be reached at 434.251.8152 or via his cell 574.261.9528.

Sincerely,

Kevin Lipscomb