



Dear Moody Family,

As we finalize the engagement this week of the independent, third-party Title IX consultant/investigator, we want to share a personnel update with you today.

After much prayer and contemplation, Dr. Timothy Arens, who in August 2020 announced his retirement effective at the end of the current academic year in June 2021, decided to begin his retirement early effective as of November 1, 2020.

We have asked the Rev. Roy Patterson, who serves as Director of Community Relations at Moody, to serve as the interim Vice President and Dean of Student Life. The search committee for the new Dean of Student Life, chaired by Dr. Heather Shalley, Moody's Vice President of Enrollment Services, has been formed and is just beginning its work in light of Dr. Arens' announcement in August that he would be retiring at the end of this academic year.

Ms. Rachel Puente will be taking an administrative leave, effective immediately, pending the completion of the third-party independent investigation.

As a reminder, a copy of our [October 19 statement](#), as well as our [October 20 statement](#) and [October 20 President's Chapel](#) are available on our website.

Please be in prayer for all those in transition, and for our campus community as we continue to seek God's face during this time.

Humbly,

**Dr. Mark Jobe**, President

**Dr. Dwight Perry**, Provost

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