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To the Stevens Community:

After 11 years of service as Vice President of Facilities and Community Relations, Mr. Hank Dobbelaar will be transitioning to a dedicated teaching position in the Department of Civil, Environmental, and Ocean Engineering.

On behalf of the entire Stevens community, I wish to extend my deepest gratitude and most sincere appreciation to Hank for his dedication, his collaborative spirit, and the integrity with which he has performed his duties as Vice President. Over the last 11 years, Hank has made significant contributions to Stevens, including managing major campus construction projects such as the Babbio building, leading the campus master planning process, overseeing Facilities operations, and serving as a liaison with the City of Hoboken and other government agencies. During his tenure as Vice President, he has been an active member of the faculty, leading the Construction Management program, and making a substantial impact on many students and alumni over two decades. The Stevens community is indebted to Hank for his many contributions that have benefited students, faculty, staff, and the City of Hoboken.

As we pursue the ambitious goals outlined in our Strategic Plan, a new position has been created to manage the facilities, space planning, and construction management aspects of our growth, as well as a number of related departments and auxiliary services. The position, **Vice President of Facilities and Campus Operations**, will help guide our efforts as we aim to create a campus environment befitting a premier, student-centric technological research university. A position description is available at www.stevens.edu/vp-facilities, and a Search Committee will be formed to recruit this new member of our leadership team. I encourage you to review the announcement and consider nominating qualified individuals for this position.

Please join me in thanking Vice President Hank Dobbelaar for his dedicated service to Stevens as he transitions to playing a larger role in achieving our goals of *Student-Centricity*.

Sincerely,

Nariman Farvardin
President