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To the Stevens Community,

It is with tremendous admiration, profound respect and heartfelt appreciation that I inform the Stevens community that Ms. Diana Colombo, Executive Assistant to the President, has announced her plan to retire from Stevens.

Diana began her long career at Stevens in 1995 serving initially as Administrative Assistant to the Vice President for Administration and Finance/Treasurer. Her substantial contributions and her professionalism led her to assume administrative responsibility for the Office of the President, and she was appointed Executive Assistant to the President in 2001.

Diana has served Stevens with dedication and integrity through the University's periods of celebration and through its challenges. The knowledge and continuity she provided during Stevens' Presidential search in 2010-11 and her dedicated support as Assistant Secretary to the Board of Trustees have been invaluable. I am particularly grateful for her guidance and help as I began my tenure as President. Diana made my and my family's transition to Stevens both pleasant and seamless.

Diana has agreed to continue in her role until a suitable successor can be found, no small task. To this end, a Search Committee has been established to identify top-tier candidates. The Search Committee, chaired by Dawn DaSilva, Assistant Vice President for Development, includes: Susan Metz, Director of Diversity & Inclusion; Shin Moon, Director, Office of Planning and Budget; Sally Muscarella, Director of Outreach, SSE; Michael Parente, Director of Enterprise Information Systems; Doris Schultz, Director of Business Operations, SERC; and, David Zimmerman, Director of University Events.

A celebration of Diana's contributions to Stevens will take place in the fall; more details will be announced soon. In the meantime, please join me in thanking Diana for her selfless dedication to Stevens and for the many contributions she has made to this institution.

Per aspera ad astra,

Nariman Farvardin
President