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To All Faculty, Staff, and Students:

Ms. Marybeth Murphy, who has been serving as Vice President for Enrollment Management and Student Affairs at Stevens since May 2013, has announced her decision to leave Stevens. Her last day will be June 30, 2021.

I and the Stevens community are deeply appreciative of the many contributions Ms. Murphy has made to our university over her eight-year tenure as Vice President. Thanks to her leadership and impact, Stevens is on a strong upward trajectory that will continue for many years to come.

In particular, Vice President Murphy has:

- led an extremely successful undergraduate admissions effort that has reached new records in applications, academic profile, and diversity. Most recently and despite the extremely challenging circumstances presented by the pandemic, freshman applications to Stevens for 2021-22 exceeded 11,000 for the first time in our history, with a significant increase in the number, diversity, and academic profile of deposited students.
- established and overseen key initiatives and programs that contribute to stellar student outcomes and a rich student experience, including through the Career Center, Stevens ACES (Accessing Careers in Engineering and Science) and through new spaces and programs including the Student Center, the Student Wellness Center, the Lore-El Center for Women's Leadership, and plans for state-of-the-art student spaces in the new University Center Complex, slated to open in 2022. Vice President Murphy also co-chaired the President's Task Force on Mental Health and, under her leadership, Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) has expanded programs, staff, and services.
- recruited top talent, led and guided numerous initiatives to improve the effectiveness, efficiency, and performance of units within her portfolio, including Undergraduate Admissions and Financial Aid, Student Accounts, Student Affairs, Career Center, University Events, Athletics, and Residence Life. Her leadership has enabled Stevens to meet and exceed many of its strategic goals while serving as an effective steward of university resources.

Worth special note is Vice President Murphy's tireless and dedicated service as chair of the Stevens Emergency Management Team for eight years and more recently as Stevens' pandemic coordinator. Her good judgement, professional expertise, and intimate knowledge of university operations have played a crucial role in steering our campus through numerous emergency situations, from routine weather-related closures to serious and extended circumstances such as a


cyberattack and a global pandemic. Since March 2020, Vice President Murphy has been intimately engaged in various campus safety protocols, including on-campus COVID-19 testing and reporting.

Throughout her tenure, Vice President Murphy has been an experienced, thoughtful, and collegial member of the President's Cabinet, helping me and the university make good decisions to achieve ambitious goals and, recently, in the face of unprecedented challenges and uncertainties.

On behalf of the university community, I offer my profound appreciation to Vice President Murphy and wish her well in her future endeavors.

In the coming weeks, I will announce transition plans for the period until a new Vice President for Enrollment Management and Student Affairs is named and will provide an update on the search process for this key position.

*Per aspera ad astra,*

  
Nariman Farvardin  
President

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