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To All Faculty and Staff:

With Vice President Marybeth Murphy's announcement to leave Stevens as of June 30th, I take this opportunity to once again thank her for her dedicated service to Stevens during the last eight years. In addition to Vice President Murphy's significant contributions to Stevens' progress in enrollment management and student affairs, she has served in the important roles of Incident Commander of the Stevens Emergency Management Team (EMT) and, since March 2020, as the university's Pandemic Coordinator, including chairing the ad hoc Testing, Monitoring, and Contact Tracing (TMCT) Committee. Vice President Murphy's leadership and good judgement have been essential to helping Stevens successfully navigate a number of campus emergencies and prolonged challenges.

Effective June 15th and for a two-year period, Vice President for Finance and CFO Dr. Louis Mayer will assume the role of primary Incident Commander of the Stevens EMT. Dr. Mayer has served as the first alternate Incident Commander during the past year and has been a member of the university's EMT since joining Stevens in 2015. His steady leadership and institutional knowledge will serve the university well as he assumes these additional responsibilities.

Also, on June 15th and for a two-year period, Vice President for Human Resources Warren Petty will become the first alternate Incident Commander of the Stevens EMT, and Vice President for Facilities and Campus Operations Robert Maffia, who has been an integral member of the Stevens EMT during his eight-year tenure, will become the second alternate Incident Commander. Vice President Petty served as second alternate Incident Commander during the past year.

In addition, Effective on June 15th, Vice President Petty will also become Chair of the newly-formed Pandemic Recovery Team, with Dr. Sara Klein, Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs, serving as Co-Chair. Vice President Petty co-chaired the TMCT since its inception, and Dr. Klein has played an integral role on both the Stevens EMT during her time at Stevens and more recently on the TMCT. The Pandemic Recovery Team will supplant the TMCT Committee.

On behalf of the university community, I wish to extend my profound appreciation for all that these colleagues have done in the past and for their commitment to continuing to navigate through the remaining months of the pandemic and through any future campus emergencies that may arise.

Per aspera ad astra,

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President