



Vice President for Information Technology and CIO Tej Patel

From: Nariman Farvardin, President

To: The Stevens Community

I am writing to inform you that Vice President for Information Technology and Chief Information Officer, Tej Patel has announced his resignation, effective September 6, 2024. Mr. Patel joined Stevens in this role in August 2020 and has made numerous strategic IT contributions to advance and strengthen Stevens' IT infrastructure, harden our cyber defenses, modernize our enterprise systems and enhance our teaching and research resources consistent with our vision to become a premier, student-centric technological research university.

Mr. Patel has been a pivotal leader and executive sponsor in a number of major campus-wide initiatives. He has overseen the growth and development of our IT infrastructure, bringing cutting-edge technology and platforms to support our teaching, research and administrative needs. He has streamlined services to address challenges, significantly enhancing our IT services, support and communication across campus. His contributions include the development and implementation of a comprehensive digital and IT strategy, fostering a diverse workforce culture and establishing robust IT governance. He spearheaded the Protect Stevens Cybersecurity Program, the creation of a high-performance computing cluster and research computing services. Under Mr. Patel's leadership, Stevens launched Workday Student and Workday Finance (ongoing), the conversion to a state-of-the-art headless content management system for Stevens.edu and the expansion of our campus-wide high-speed Wi-Fi network. Mr. Patel also led the creation of an executive dashboard aggregating key university data and metrics and the establishment of the Extended Reality (XR) Lab and Zoom Telephony among other initiatives. Mr. Patel has also made significant strides in increasing transparency regarding IT priorities and implementations and introduced new controls and procedures designed to maximize the university's technology resources.

Please join me in thanking Mr. Patel for his leadership and contributions to Stevens in the last four years and wishing him much success in his new venture. His impact will benefit Stevens for many years to come.

I am grateful that Mr. Michael Parente, Assistant Vice President for Information Technology, has agreed to serve as Interim Vice President and CIO, effective September 6, 2024. Mr. Parente is a long-time member of the Stevens community, having received his B.E. in 2003 and his M.E. in 2005 and serving in increasingly responsible roles in our Division of Information Technology since joining Stevens in 2009.

Please give Mr. Parente your full support as he undertakes his new responsibilities as Interim Vice President for Information Technology and CIO.

We will continue to keep the community informed about next steps in the search process for the next Vice President for Information Technology and CIO.

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