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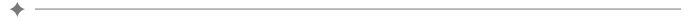
To All Faculty and Staff:

In order to fully understand the planning, execution, operational and decision-making failures that led to the chaotic events that occurred at Commencement and to make recommendations for the future, I have appointed the Commencement 2023 Review Task Force consisting of the following colleagues and recent graduates:

- Mr. David Fernandez, (Chair), Director of Environmental Health and Safety and Insurance Risk Management
- Dr. Anthony Barrese, Interim Dean of the School of Systems and Enterprises and Teaching Professor
- Dr. Cindy Chin, Vice President for Enrollment Management
- Dr. Christos Christodoulatos, Professor, Civil, Environmental, and Ocean Engineering
- Mr. John Dearborn, Trustee, President of the Stevens Alumni Association
- Dr. Darinka Dentcheva, Professor, Mathematical Sciences
- Mr. Robert Gonzalez, Assistant Dean of Operations and Administration, Schaefer School of Engineering and Science
- Ms. Maria (Sin) Ouckama, Associate Provost
- Ms. Gab Poska, Class of 2023 (Undergraduate)
- Ms. Sakina Rizvi, Class of 2023 (Graduate)
- Dr. Dibyendu Sarkar, Professor, Civil, Environmental, and Ocean Engineering

I am grateful to each of them for devoting time to this important assignment and urge members of our community to offer their full cooperation as they undertake their work. I particularly appreciate David Fernandez's willingness to serve as Chair and trust that he will work with the Task Force and the Stevens community to conduct a thorough analysis and issue useful findings and proposed changes for future Commencement exercises.

Lastly, I want to ask all members of our community to maintain and work to strengthen relationships with the Class of 2023. Many members of this class were greatly affected by pandemic-related operational changes on campus, and the culmination of their Stevens experience



ended badly. I hope that, collectively, we can repair the damage to the affected members of the Class of 2023, help them be successful and restore their trust and affinity to Stevens.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "N. Farvardin".

Nariman Farvardin  
President