



July 18, 2013

To the Stevens Community,

I am writing to provide an update on the status of the Vice President for Facilities and Campus Operations.

As you may know, Vice President Hank Dobbelaar retired from Stevens, effective July 16, 2013. A committee, chaired by Dean Gregory Prastacos, conducted a search process leading to the selection of several finalists. The finalists have been on campus for a second round of interviews with vice presidents, deans and some members of the Facilities and Campus Operations division. We are now in the last stages of this process, collecting additional information and conducting due diligence, and hope to finalize the decision and make an announcement about this position very soon.

Mr. John Lanza, a 24-year veteran of Stevens with both maintenance and project management experience, is attending to the duties of the Facilities and Campus Operations division. As Interim Director of Maintenance, John is focused on both daily campus facilities needs as well as the successful completion of summer projects necessary for the new academic year.

Please join me in thanking Hank Dobbelaar for his dedicated service during his many years at Stevens and in expressing our gratitude to John Lanza for his support during the interim period.

I look forward to providing you with updates on the conclusion of the search process within a couple of weeks.

*Per aspera ad astra,*

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'N. Farvardin'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'N'.

Nariman Farvardin  
President