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To the Stevens Community:

It is my great pleasure to announce that David W. Dodd will join Stevens as Vice President for Information Technology and Chief Information Officer, starting on August 15, 2012.

David has held leadership positions in higher education, research and development, business, law, and government over his 30-year career. Most recently (2005-present), as Vice President for Information Resources and Chief Information Officer at Xavier University, Cincinnati, Ohio, David was responsible for Xavier's academic and administrative technology programs, the library, instructional technology/multimedia, online course development and support, web services, registrar, institutional research and strategic information resources.

His many accomplishments in this role include: the restructuring of all legacy units within the Information Resources division to create a fully integrated customer-centric/service-driven organization; establishment of a strategic technology improvement plan to achieve excellence in information technology and services; modernization of Xavier's technology infrastructure and core services including the consolidation and virtualization of platforms and systems; preparation and annual testing of Xavier's first disaster recovery/business continuity plan and increased enterprise cyber security; implementation of new web-based systems and online services to advance Xavier's academic and administrative functions; and co-chairing the Hoff Academic Quadrangle Steering Committee resulting in the creation of the Center for Student Excellence, the Center for Teaching Excellence, and Information Resources Center.

His work has been recognized with a number of awards: Xavier's "Org 3.0" integrated organization/service model was recognized nationally at the Society for College and University Planning (SCUP) and EDUAUSE; *The Road to Xavier* portal for accepted students was named the best university website in the nation in 2006 by the Web Marketing Association, and received the Grand Gold Award from the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education in 2009.

Prior to his role at Xavier, David was Vice Chancellor for Information Technology and CIO at the University of South Carolina Upstate (2002-05), Executive Director of Information Technology at the University of North Carolina Wilmington (2000-2002), and held a number of positions in academe and industry prior to that.

David has made more than 35 presentations in the areas of information technology, virtual learning, change management and strategic planning at national forums such as EDUCAUSE. He has also written extensively on IT and higher education, and has served as the "Emerging Technology" columnist for *College Planning and Management* since 2002, covering a range of topics from the use of GPS on campus to cloud computing to project management.

He has recently taught courses in Global Strategic Thinking, Information Resources and Technology, Strategic Planning and Leadership and has successfully pursued private and competitive funding opportunities. He is active and has held a variety of leadership positions in EDUCAUSE and SCUP.

Please join me in welcoming David Dodd to the Stevens community and in helping him to build a first-rate information technology operation at Stevens.

I also wish to take this opportunity to thank Vice President and CFO, Randy Greene and members of the VP/CIO Search Committee for their diligence throughout the search process, as well as the faculty, staff and trustees who helped in the interview process.

Sincerely,

Nariman Farvardin
President