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To Stevens Faculty and Staff:

I am pleased to announce the formation of a committee to develop a set of recommendations to make Stevens more corporate-friendly, in accordance with the goals of our Strategic Plan. Specifically, External Bridges Goal E7 states that, “*Stevens will become a more corporate-friendly university in all its dimensions: undergraduate and graduate student engagements with corporations (including internships, co-operative education, student and faculty projects, and career transition), research collaborations, corporate and professional education programs, philanthropic support, and other joint programs.*” The Committee has two specific foci:

- i. make Stevens more flexible, friendly and agile in working with industry; simplify and streamline development of legal and contractual agreements; and create an efficient and clear set of processes for Stevens-industry interaction; and,
- ii. ensure that the various offices that interface with corporations communicate with each other and collaborate to maximize the benefit to Stevens. Examples of such offices are: Office of the General Counsel; Office of Research, Innovation and Entrepreneurship; Offices of the Provost and Deans; Division of Development and Alumni Engagement; Office of Career Services; and Office of Graduate and Corporate Education.

I am grateful to the following colleagues who have agreed to serve on this committee:

- Dr. Jean Zu, Dean of the Schaefer School of Engineering and Science (Co-Chair)
- Ms. Kathy Schulz, Esq., General Counsel (Co-Chair)
- Ms. Nicole Altneu, Assistant Vice President for Strategic Initiatives
- Dr. Christopher Asakiewicz, Industry Associate Professor, School of Business
- Dr. Anthony Barrese, Associate Dean, School of Systems and Enterprises
- Ms. Frances Bouchoux, Chief Compliance Officer, Division of Finance
- Dr. Mo Dehghani, Vice Provost for Research, Innovation and Entrepreneurship
- Mr. Paul Easterling, Assistant Provost for Graduate Studies
- Ms. Lynn Insley, Executive Director, Career Center
- Dr. David Zimmerman, Director of Technology Commercialization

Please join me in thanking the committee members for their efforts in the coming months. I encourage all faculty and staff to provide input to the committee and to give its members your full cooperation and support.

Per aspera ad astra,

Nariman Farvardin
President