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To All Faculty and Staff:

It is my sad duty to share the passing of a valued member of the Stevens community, C. Thomas Lunghard, ’58 M.S. ’61 on May 25, 2022.

Mr. Lunghard was a dedicated alumnus and key member of the Stevens leadership team under President Kenneth Rogers and President Harold Raveche. He was a devoted, esteemed and beloved member of the Stevens community over seven decades: as a student, researcher, administrator, adviser and alumnus.

He played a leadership role at Stevens for nearly 40 years. Retiring in 1998, he continued to serve in an advising and consulting role for the university until his full retirement. Earning the degree of Mechanical Engineer in 1958 and a master’s degree in electrical engineering in 1961 from Stevens, Tom joined Stevens as a research engineer with the Physics Department in 1960, working in that position until 1968. After briefly working with Drysdale Securities as an investment security analyst (he received a license as a registered representative of the National Association of Security Dealers), he returned to Stevens in 1969. He held several management positions, serving as executive assistant in the Physics Department and special assistant to President Rogers.

In 1983, Tom was named vice president for administration at Stevens, responsible for Human Resources, Physical Plant, Security, Auxiliary Operations and the Purchasing and Telecommunications departments. During his tenure, his achievements included the $6 million design and construction of Technology Hall (now Jonas Hall) and the conversion of all dorm rooms on campus to accommodate personal computers.

Later in his career, Tom served as a special projects adviser, including to the Investment and Facilities committees.

Tom was a member of a Stevens legacy family; his father, Carl L. Lunghard, was a member of the Class of 1930. As a student, Tom was president of his class and a member of Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity and the men’s soccer team.

He was an active and loyal Stevens alumnus. Tom was former president and secretary of his Class of 1958 alumni class, served on the Class of ’58 reunion committee and was a longtime generous donor to Stevens, with his wife, Doris. He received the Harold R. Fee Alumni Achievement Award in 1978 for his outstanding work on behalf of Stevens and the Stevens Alumni Association.

Tom held leadership positions in numerous professional and civic organizations, including the American Association for the Advancement of Science; Sigma Xi, the scientific research honor society; the Eastern Association of College and Business University Officers; the Institute of Electrical
and Electronics Engineers; the Research & Development Council of New Jersey; and the Mayor of Hoboken’s Waterfront Advisory Committee, among others.

According to a special resolution adopted by the Stevens Board of Trustees, in honor of his retirement in 1998, Tom “… has generously offered the benefit of his counsel and guidance to the affairs of the Institute, contributing significantly to the development and progress of this institution… he has earned the respect and the esteem of the Trustees and the Stevens community-at-large.”

Tom was born in New York City and was a longtime resident of Old Tappan, New Jersey. He passed away at the age of 86, and is survived by his wife, Doris.

Per aspera ad astra,

Nariman Farvardin
President