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To the Stevens Community:

I am delighted to announce that, on my recommendation and with the strong support of the Board of Trustees, Ms. Beth McGrath will be promoted to Vice President for Government and Community Relations/Chief of Staff, Office of the President, effective July 1, 2018.

Beth has provided exemplary service and performed at the highest levels of excellence over the past six years in her current role as Chief of Staff, Office of the President, and Director of Government and Community Relations. This promotion is in recognition of Beth's profound and influential contributions across a range of initiatives and strategic priorities, as well as her expanded responsibilities within the Office of the President, especially in the areas of federal, state, and local government and community relations.

As Vice President for Government and Community Relations/Chief of Staff, Office of the President, Beth will continue to serve as my principal advisor; manage the Office of the President to ensure high standards of excellence and responsiveness; serve as primary liaison with the community and elected officials; monitor and ensure progress is being made on goals articulated in the University's 10-year strategic plan; and advance the priorities of the Office of the President and of the University to effectively position Stevens to achieve institutional goals with various internal and external constituencies.

Beth recently celebrated 30 years with the University having served in a variety of leadership roles, including 19 years with the Center for Innovation in Engineering and Science Education (CIESE), and making significant contributions in a number of administrative areas. She has played a pivotal role in a number of key initiatives, including approvals by the Hoboken Zoning Board of Adjustment of the Gianforte Family Academic Center and the Babbio Garage; the \$19.25 million package of bonds and capital improvement funds awarded to Stevens by the State of New Jersey; and the recent ACE/Fidelity Investments Institutional Transformation Award. Under Beth's leadership, CIESE was recognized by President Obama with the Presidential Award for Excellence in Science, Mathematics and Engineering Mentoring.

Please join me in congratulating Beth on this well-deserved promotion and in supporting her in this new role to propel the University forward.

Per aspera ad astra,

Nariman Farvardin
President