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Dear Colleagues—

I am pleased to announce the recommendation of the appointment of **Dr. Dene T. Hurley** as the interim Dean of our new School of Business, effective Friday, July 1, 2022, and pending CUNY's approval.

This recommendation is largely informed by the need to provide the leadership that builds upon the strengths, plans and assets already in place within the current department of Economics and Business that is the nucleus of the new school. The search for a permanent dean for the school, which will house three new departments: Accounting; Management and Business Innovation; and Economics, Finance, and Information Systems, will commence within the next eighteen months.

Dr. Hurley is currently chair, department of Economics and Business, a position she has twice held, first from May 2012 to October 2014, and then from August 2015 to the present. In this role, she has provided leadership and oversight for one of the largest departments at the College with seven degree programs in Accounting, Business and Economics. The department houses more than 1,800 majors and over 60 faculty members (full-time and adjunct), two academic advisers and two administrative staff members. She has also provided leadership and coordination of faculty recruitment, curriculum development, pedagogy, instructional workload, assessment, and program review, including the support and review of faculty promotion and tenure processes. From Fall 2014 to August 2015, she served as interim Associate Dean, School of Natural and Natural Sciences, and provided support for the day-to-day operations of the school.

Dr. Hurley began her career at Lehman in 1998 as Assistant Professor rising through the ranks to receive tenure and promotion to Associate Professor in 2011, and then became full Professor in 2019. Prior to joining Lehman, she taught Economics at the following institutions: State University of New York-Nassau Community College, Garden City, NY (Spring 1993-Spring 1994); Emmanuel College, Boston, MA (1992); and Northeastern University, Boston, MA (1989-1992). Other work experience included serving as Senior Trade Economist and Director of Research respectively at the Journal of Commerce, Port Import Export Reporting Service (PIERS) Division, New York City, from 1994-1998. She also served as Economist/Consultant for the Cadmus Group, Waltham, MA and as Research Officer and Senior Economist at the Ministry of Finance of the Government of Seychelles, Victoria, Seychelles.

An educator and academic leader, she has been active in college governance serving in various committees and capacities to advance our institutional mission and priorities. Among these are: the Lehman College Senate, College Senate Faculty Personnel and Budget Committee, department of Economics and Business Personnel and Budget Committee, Economics Curriculum Committee, CUNY Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) Standards Sub-Committee, Lehman College's 2020-2025 Strategic Planning Task Force Committee on Enrollment and Student Success, College Presidential Search Committee, and Lehman Business School Visioning Committee. She currently co-chairs the 20-member Implementation Committee for the new School of Business.

She has published in multiple peer-reviewed journals such as the *The Quarterly Review of Economics and Finance* and *International Journal of Finance and Economics*; and presented scholarly papers at numerous conferences, including conferences by the following groups: Eastern Economic Association, New York State Economic Association, and the Northeast Business and Economic Association.

Dr. Hurley received her Ph.D. in *Economics* from Northeastern University, Boston, MA; a Master of Science in Development Studies from University of Bath, Bath, in the United Kingdom; and a Bachelor of Science (with Honors) in Economics from The City University, London, United Kingdom.

Please join me in congratulating Dr. Hurley in this new role. I know that her diverse background and span of experience will continue to serve Lehman well as we work together to launch the new School of Business on July 1, 2022, as the only business school at any public college in The Bronx or Westchester Counties, in furtherance of our important mission of educational attainment in the borough and beyond. I am also positive that she will have the support of our entire campus community of teachers, scholars, learners, advocates, and activists.

Remain well and stay safe.

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Peter O. Nwosu, Ph.D.

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