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Dear Lehman College Community—

I am pleased to report that last evening the College received the final approval of the CUNY Board of Trustees to establish three new departments in the School of Health Sciences, Human Services, and Nursing: Department of Exercise Sciences and Recreation; the Department of Health Promotion and Nutrition Sciences; and the Department of Health Equity, Administration and Technology effective July 1, 2022. The Board also approved the resolution to close the Department of Health Sciences, and to transfer the 21 faculty in the department to the three new departments. These approvals pave the way for implementation of plans for the official start of the new departments.

At separate meetings held on April 25 meetings, the Board's Committee on Academic Programs, Policy, and Research and the Committee on Faculty and Staff Administration approved the resolutions to dissolve the existing department and create the three new departments and to transfer faculty to the new departments. Yesterday's final approvals by the Board moves the College towards meeting our strategic goal.

The creation of the three separate departments, which brings the total number of departments in the school to six, is a part of the College and HS2N Strategic Plans to increase efficiencies across the school and position it to fully serve the increasing demand for healthcare professionals in the growing health services sector in the region, increase support for existing programs, and enhance our students' ability to persist and complete their degrees.

The current department of Health Sciences is the largest department in HS2N in terms of both the total number of declared majors (undergraduate and graduate) and full-time equivalent (FTE) students (undergraduate and graduate students). As of fall 2020, the department had a combined total of 1910 undergraduate and graduate majors - 1,673 undergraduate majors and 237 graduate majors. The department houses 6 undergraduate programs (Dietetics, Food, and Nutrition; Health Education and Promotion; Exercise Science; Therapeutic Recreation, and Health Services Administration) and five graduate programs (Nutrition; Human Performance; Recreation Education; Health Education and Promotion-Fully Online; and Health Education (P-12 and Pre-K). Proposal for a new fully online accelerated 1-year Master of Science in Health Services Administration is currently under review with the CUNY Office of Academic Affairs.

President Delgado, Dean Harrison, and I, are delighted with yesterday's final approvals, and we extend our deep appreciation to all those who have worked collaboratively to birth the three new departments at Lehman.

Congratulations!

Remain well and continue to stay safe.

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