

*This message is sent on behalf of Jeremy Haefner, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs*

Colleagues,

After several conversations with alums, people in the industry, Dean Ramkumar, and Dean Mozrall, as well as faculty and staff, Dr. Munson and I have decided to move the School of International Hospitality and Service Innovation from the College of Applied Science and Technology to the Saunders College of Business. The rationale is based on many factors but we feel that this move is in the best interests of the students who will have more opportunities that will provide them with the skill set they need to succeed in the business world. Faculty and staff will also benefit from deeper collaborations with the Saunders faculty and staff, and we know that collaborations with CAST will continue.

The transition process will start in July 2018 and will be completed by July 2019. The process will respect RIT policies [E20](#) and [E21](#) regarding the transfer of programs and faculty. The planning for the transition will include both faculty and staff, and we will make certain that students are not adversely impacted.

I am very pleased by the collegiality that everyone displayed in this process. Change is always challenging but I am very appreciative of the faculty and staff who worked with leadership on this issue.

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