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Dear Colleagues:

There are several updates about searches and personnel changes to share with you.

- The search for the next dean of GCCIS is entering its final stages. Finalist interviews are nearly complete. I anticipate naming a new dean by July 1. As announced earlier, [Dean Anne Haake will step down as dean on June 30](#).
- As you know, [Dr. Twyla Cummings intends to retire](#) on June 30. The search committee for the next associate provost and dean of the RIT Graduate School is in the early stages of reviewing candidates. Interviews will be scheduled later in April and into May. I anticipate naming the next leader of the RIT Graduate School by the start of fall semester.
- Many of you know that Dr. Christine Licata is moving to part-time role in July. Chris has tremendous institutional knowledge and experience. She will continue to share her knowledge and experience by continuing her invaluable planning work for the SHED along with working on other special projects and by serving as an advisor to me and other leaders in Academic Affairs.
- The search for the next [dean of Undergraduate Studies and associate provost for Student Success](#) is in the very early stages of recruiting applicants. This search will continue into June and again I anticipate naming the next dean by the start of fall semester. People interested in learning more about the position or to nominate someone or to apply for the position can visit <https://www.imsearch.com/search-detail/S8-315>.
- Anne Wahl has notified me that she will be retiring from RIT on April 15 and joining the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE) as Vice President for Institutional Relations. Anne has been at RIT for 13 years, serving as liaison to both New York State Education Department (NYSED) and as the Accreditation Liaison Officer for MSCHE. She led RIT's successful reaccreditation effort in 2017, was the founding director of RIT's Educational Effectiveness Assessment Office, and co-led the academic program review process. Anne has been a tremendous asset to our division and to the university. Please join me in wishing her the best in her new role.

I will announce plans to fill her position soon. In the interim, Vice Provost Christine Licata will serve as liaison to NYSED and MSCHE. Co-op and Career Services, Academic Program and Curriculum Management, Educational Effectiveness Assessment, Academic Curriculum and K-12 will report to Dr. Licata until the new dean of Undergraduate Studies and associate provost for Student Success is named.

- Marty Burriss retired several months ago after leading the University Exploration Office successfully for many years. After consultation with the colleges and careful review of how best

to serve students who are undecided on their majors at RIT, I have decided to dissolve the office as of June 30 and reframe how we serve students who are exploring their options through a dynamic collaboration between the college exploration programs, the School of Individualized Study and the University Advising Office. Dewey Lawrence will move to the University Advising Office and be the primary point of contact for students looking to assess curricular pathways or change programs.

As always, I welcome your thoughts and questions. Contact me by emailing [provost@rit.edu](mailto:provost@rit.edu).

Best,

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