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Dear SUNY Poly Faculty and Staff,

Over the past year, SUNY Poly has experienced significant growth in its research and scholarly activities, highlighted by the formation of 14 research centers that are serving as hubs of innovation and interdisciplinary collaboration. I am proud and delighted to see how these recent investments are enhancing SUNY Poly's research efforts and providing additional opportunity for interdisciplinary collaboration between our faculty, staff, and students, while paving the way for pioneering solutions that will shape the future.

As SUNY Poly continues its strategic objective to grow as a research enterprise, secure large grants and additional funding streams, and establish strategic alliances with our partners in industry, government, academia and civil society, we need to support this advancement by expanding our expertise in the corresponding research finance/resource management areas of the university.

As a result, I am pleased to announce a new Vice President-level appointment that I have made in the Office of Research. Beginning this week, on April 10, 2025, Susan Head will be rejoining the SUNY Poly team as the Vice President of Research Finance, reporting to the President and serving as a member of the President's Cabinet. Susan will join a growing Office of Research team that has recently welcomed a Grant Writer (Sabrina Doré) and Administrative Assistant (Nicolette Lamascola) — all of whom will be working closely with our Vice President of Research, Mike Carpenter.

Susan is a former employee of SUNY Poly, serving as our Bursar and Senior Associate Vice President for Finance from 2006 to 2022. With over two decades of experience in accounting, finance, and fiscal management for educational institutions, and a passion for the intersection of finance, education, and research, she focuses on developing solutions that support institutional growth, student success, and long-term viability. I am confident that her return will bring renewed energy and fresh perspective to our efforts in building out a robust financial research portfolio.

Please join me in extending welcome back wishes to Susan. We look forward to her contributions and the positive impact she will have on the Office of Research and our entire campus community.

Warm Regards,

Winston "Wole" Soboyejo
President