



SUNY POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE

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To SUNY Poly Faculty and Staff:

I am writing to provide an important personnel update. While serving as SUNY Polytechnic Institute's Officer-in-Charge, my current role as the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences requires leadership; therefore, I am pleased to announce that Dr. Carlie Phipps has accepted the role and, effective immediately, will be the Interim Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences.

In her capacity as a professor of biology at SUNY Poly since 2001, and as Chair of the Department of Biology and Chemistry since 2014, she has had a positive impact on the College and our institution as a whole with involvement at all levels. Dr. Phipps has been a campus senator to the SUNY University Faculty Senate from 2015 to 2022, and has previously served as SUNY University Faculty Senate Ethics Committee Chair and SUNY Poly Faculty Governance Academic Affairs Committee Co-Chair, with additional service areas that include work with the campus Care Team and Upstate Academic Scholar Dual Admission Committee, in addition to working as the academic advisor for all biology majors, among many other efforts. She received her Ph.D. from the University of Kansas. I am grateful for her taking on these additional duties during this pivotal time in our institution's history.

As Interim Dean, Dr. Phipps is responsible for promoting the vision, mission, and focus of the College, with strong advocacy both on campus and in the community. The Interim Dean recruits and retains high quality faculty, manages financial and budgetary aspects of the College, and leads a comprehensive and diverse academic unit.

During this period, I am also grateful to Dr. Megan Dischiavo, who will be stepping into the role as Chair of the Biology and Chemistry Department. In addition, Dr. Narayan Sharma will be the chemistry coordinator.

For any matters related to the above, please contact Dr. Phipps at phippsc@sunypoly.edu, Dr. Dischiavo at dischim@sunypoly.edu, or Dr. Sharma at sharman1@sunypoly.edu.

I hope you will join me in providing a warm welcome to Drs. Phipps, Dischiavo, and Sharma as they begin these expanded roles during this time of opportunity and transition at SUNY Poly.

Sincerely,

Dr. Andrew Russell
Officer-in-Charge
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