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To SUNY Poly Faculty, Staff, and Students:

As you may have seen, Dr. Shadi Shahedipour-Sandvik, who has served as SUNY Poly's Interim Vice President of Research and Graduate Studies for the past five years, has been appointed by the SUNY Board of Trustees as SUNY's Senior Vice Chancellor for Research. Please find a message from SUNY Interim Chancellor Deborah Stanley copied below.

I am proud to congratulate Shadi on her new role, which will undoubtedly help her to serve SUNY's campuses across New York State, along with ours. At the same time, I am deeply grateful for her service. Her efforts have strongly supported SUNY Poly's extensive research initiatives and fostered graduate student success. Significantly, Dr. Shahedipour-Sandvik plans to remain an active faculty member and will continue to work with Ph.D. students and conduct research at SUNY Poly.

As Shadi takes on her new SUNY role, I have been working on our future plans to support research and graduate studies at SUNY Poly, and would anticipate having more to share very soon.

Please join me in congratulating Dr. Shahedipour-Sandvik on her new role.

Sincerely,

Dr. Tod A. Laursen
Acting President
SUNY Polytechnic Institute

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Dear Colleagues:

It is with great excitement that I share with you that yesterday the SUNY Board of Trustees appointed Dr. Fatemeh "Shadi" Shahedipour-Sandvik as Senior Vice Chancellor for Research, Innovation and Economic Development, and Valerie Grey as Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Health & Hospital Affairs, and Chief Hospital and Healthcare Operations Officer.

You have already had the pleasure of working with Shadi as System Administration's Provost-in-Charge, and today's appointment recognizes her immense talent and value to the SUNY System. Prior to joining System Administration in 2020, Shadi worked at SUNY Polytechnic Institute where she was a professor and interim vice president of research and graduate studies. She will continue her faculty appointment within the nanoscale engineering college. In the past 17 years, Shadi has secured more than \$12 million in research funding on federal, state, and industry levels. She has published over 100 peer-reviewed journal papers, serves as editor-in-chief of the Journal of Electronic Materials, and is actively advising five PhD students, having graduated 13 PhD students



previously. And today she is leading work on some of our biggest shared priorities.

Valerie, a University at Albany two-time alumna, returns to the SUNY family with a wealth of knowledge in leading organizations within the healthcare industry, having most recently served as the Chief Executive Officer for New York eHealth. Prior to joining NYeC, Valerie was the executive vice president for policy for the Healthcare Association of New York State (HANYS). Over the course of an accomplished public service career, she served in the New York State Governor's Office as director of state operations, first deputy secretary to the Governor, and assistant secretary for health and human services as well as assistant commissioner of governmental affairs for the New York State Department of Health. Many of you have worked with Valerie in the past and I look forward to welcoming her to the SUNY family.

Please join me in congratulating Shadi and Valerie on their well-deserved appointments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Deborah F. Stanley".

Deborah F. Stanley
Interim Chancellor