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To SUNY Poly Faculty, Staff, and Students:

As part of my announcement last week regarding Dr. Shadi Sandvik's appointment as SUNY's new Vice Chancellor for Research, I mentioned that more information would be on the way with respect to the future of SUNY Polytechnic's research leadership. Accordingly, and after consultation with faculty and staff on both campuses, I am excited to announce that SUNY Poly Empire Innovation Professor of Nanobioscience and Executive Director of the SUNY Applied Materials Research Institute (SAMRI) Dr. Nathaniel Cady has accepted my offer and will begin work as SUNY Poly's Interim VP of Research effective Monday, May 16, 2022. I extend my deep gratitude to Dr. Cady for taking on this role, which is critical to SUNY Poly's mission and our success.

In discussing this role with Dr. Cady, we agreed that a fresh look at the research enterprise, and the upgrading of the infrastructure supporting it on both campuses, will need to be a key priority at this time in our history. I am grateful to Dr. Cady for his willingness to engage campus communities on both sites as we develop our research vision going forward, and I know he will be a strong partner with Dr. Zora Thomova as she begins her tenure as Interim Provost, also next week. The effective integration of academic and research activities, and the leadership of them, must be a key priority for SUNY Poly, and I am so grateful to have leaders like Drs. Thomova and Cady who will reflect this emphasis.

Dr. Cady has a successful history of spearheading top-tier research efforts, especially those related to SUNY Poly's partnership with Applied Materials and in the areas of neuromorphic computing, among other innovative nanobioscience-focused initiatives. As Interim Vice President of Research, Dr. Cady will lead the advancement of SUNY Poly's world-class academic-centered research mission, supporting and enabling R&D opportunities for faculty and researchers across both campuses. He will continue to cultivate the research infrastructure and leverage further opportunities that stimulate growth and opportunity for SUNY Poly faculty. Likewise, as a member of the senior leadership team, we look forward to his contributions more broadly in the administration of campus activities.

Please join me in congratulating and welcoming Dr. Cady, whose expertise, leadership, and vision will undoubtedly guide SUNY Poly's research endeavors to further expand our institution's top-tier research capabilities and reputation.

Sincerely,

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