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Dear Colleagues:

I am pleased to announce that Lawrence Feick has accepted my offer to serve in the position previously held by Nathan Urban, Vice Provost for Special Projects, beginning June 1, 2017. In this position, he also will coordinate marketing and communications efforts in the Office of the Provost.

After earning his PhD at Penn State and BA and MS degrees from the University of Delaware, Larry joined the faculty of the Joseph M. Katz Graduate School of Business in 1982, where he rose through the ranks to Professor. During his time at the Katz School he served as Associate Dean, Director of the School's International Business Center, and Interim Dean. In those roles, he was instrumental in the establishment of the College of Business Administration and new masters programs. From 2007–2015, he served as the University's Senior Director of International Programs and Director of University Center for International Studies (UCIS), leading a transformation of the University's study abroad offerings focused on the development of faculty-led programs. His work at UCIS was central in the development of Pitt's joint engineering institute with Sichuan University. He was also responsible for the creation of Plus3, a joint business and engineering program that received the 2005 Andrew Heiskell Award for excellence and innovation in international education.

Despite a career that includes many years of full-time administration, Larry has remained active in research, primarily on word-of-mouth influence and the analysis of categorical data. His work has more than 7,000 Google Scholar citations. He also continues to teach, leading a study abroad group to Germany this month.

Since leaving UCIS in 2015, Larry has been engaged in a number of special projects across the University and I am pleased that he will be joining our office to continue advancing strategic projects in a more formal role.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Patricia E. Beeson".

Patricia E. Beeson