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Dear Colleagues:

I am pleased to announce that Dr. Joseph J. McCarthy has accepted my offer to become the University's Vice Provost for Undergraduate Studies, beginning August 1, 2017. He will be filling the position so ably held by Juan Manfredi for the past seven years.

Dr. McCarthy is currently William Kepler Whiteford Professor and Vice Chair for Education in the Swanson School's Department of Chemical and Petroleum Engineering. After earning his PhD in Chemical Engineering from Northwestern University, he joined our faculty as an assistant professor in 1998 and was promoted to professor in 2010.

Deeply engaged in undergraduate education throughout his career at the University, Dr. McCarthy has been recognized for his contributions to teaching, curriculum development, and his leadership of undergraduate research programs. In 2008, he received the Carnegie Science University Educator Award for developing and implementing the innovative "Pillars" curriculum that reshaped undergraduate education in chemical engineering. In 2012, the Swanson School recognized his contributions with their Outstanding Educator Award, and in 2015, he received the Chancellor's Distinguished Teaching Award.

In addition to his scholarly and instructional activities, Dr. McCarthy's record of administrative experience in the chemical engineering department dates back to 2005 and includes serving as Undergraduate Coordinator, and then as Vice Chair for Education. In these roles, he has focused on leading department-wide educational initiatives for undergraduate and graduate programs during a time when undergraduate enrollment within the department has more than tripled.

I have great confidence in Dr. McCarthy's academic and organizational leadership. He shares my strong commitment to student achievement and has the energy and experience to help us continue to build on the University's existing strengths and priorities in undergraduate education. I very much look forward to working with him.

Sincerely,

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

Patricia E. Beeson