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Dear Colleagues:

I am pleased to announce that Nathan Urban has accepted my offer to become Vice Provost for Graduate Studies and Strategic Initiatives beginning June 1, 2017, replacing Dr. Alberta Sbragia who will continue as Vice Provost assisting in transition efforts. In this position, he will also help shape and lead development efforts in the Office of the Provost.

Since joining our faculty in 2015, Nathan has been instrumental in supporting and executing University-wide initiatives strengthening our research and education program. As Vice Provost, he led efforts to personalize the student experience, chaired the successful search for the new dean of computing and information, and served as a valuable member of the provost's office, serving on the distinguished faculty and honorary degree committees.

Nathan joined our faculty in 2015 after serving for many years on the faculty at Carnegie Mellon University, where he was the Frederick A. Schwertz Distinguished Professor of Life Sciences, head of the department of biological sciences, founding director of the BrainHub initiative, and interim provost. In addition to his current role as vice provost, at Pitt he is co-director of the Center for the Neural Basis of Cognition, Associate Director of the Brain Institute, and professor and vice chair of the department of Neurobiology.

His successful career is no surprise to those who have known Nathan since his days as a Pitt undergraduate majoring in Neuroscience, Mathematics, and Philosophy. Following graduation from Pitt, he attended Oxford as a Rhodes Scholar where he earned a Masters of Arts in Mathematics and Philosophy, after which he returned to Pitt where he earned his PhD in Neuroscience working with Dr. German Barrionuevo. I am pleased to have the opportunity to continuing to work with Nathan in his new role.

Sincerely,

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

Patricia E. Beeson