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Dear Lehman College Community—

I am pleased to report that the College today received the final approval of the CUNY Board of Trustees to establish the School of Business, along with three new departments: the department of Accounting; the department of Management and Business Innovation; and the department of Economics, Finance, and Information Systems. The Board also approved the transfer of the 23 faculty in the department of Economics and Business to the three new departments. These approvals, which took place this evening, pave the way for implementation of plans for the official start of the new school in July 1, 2022.

As I shared with the campus community in my last update two weeks ago following the approvals of the Board's Committee on Academic Programs, Policy, and Research and the Committee on Faculty and Staff Administration, the new school will be the only business school at any public college in the borough of the Bronx, Westchester County, and the surrounding region. The new school, whose niche will include entrepreneurship, small business development, and experiential learning, will position the College as a serious player in the business community and will serve as a major pipeline for preparing diverse talent from underrepresented populations for local, regional, national, and international workforce needs.

President Delgado and I, are delighted with this major accomplishment, and we extend our deep appreciation to all those who have worked since 2010 to-date to birth the business school at Lehman. Congratulations to the College!

I wish everyone happy holidays. Please remain well and continue to stay safe.

-P Peter O. Nwosu, Ph.D. Provost and Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs and Student Success Director, The CUNY Leadership Institute