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I am pleased to announce the appointment of **Dr. Beth Markowitz as the Chief of Staff/Director of Operations** in the Office of the Provost, beginning November 28, 2022.

Dr. Markowitz has over 18 years of experience in higher education administration. Beth comes to Lehman College from New York University's Courant Institute of Mathematical Sciences, where she served as Assistant Director for Academic Affairs and provided leadership and oversight for the undergraduate Math program, which supports nearly 18,000 students, including 900 Math majors and 400 Math minors, enrolled in more than 340 courses each year. In this role, she also managed hiring of program staff and tutors, budget, student advisement, placement exams, orientation, internships, and course scheduling, among others. In addition, she monitored and tracked program progress on key performance metrics and utilized data to inform decision-making and continuous improvement.

Beth has worked with faculty on designing new majors, streamlined operations and institutional processes, and creatively resolved student issues. She is also an experienced and effective supervisor, well versed in the operations of the university and understands that collaboration among academic units and student support services are crucial to student success.

Beth earned a Doctorate degree in Higher Education Administration from New York University in 2020. She also has a Master's degree in Counseling from Manhattan College and was a Sociology major and Business minor at Siena College, where she earned her Bachelor's degree. Her research focuses on the student experience when transferring from a community college to a 4-year university. She has also conducted research on equity and access to higher education in South Africa and Brazil, comparing their affirmative action policies to those in the U.S.

Beth's extensive experiences in academic program management and student services will be an asset to Lehman as we continue to strengthen the operations of the Office of the Provost. I am thrilled that she has accepted this important leadership role and I know she will have the support of our entire campus community. Please join me in congratulating Dr. Markowitz and welcoming her to the college.

Also, join me in thanking the members of the Office of the Provost, who have worked diligently to ensure the functioning of the office at various stages of transitions. One more thank you to the members of the search committee: Ronald Banks, Amod Choudhary, Brian Gayle, Elgloria Harrison, Teresita Levy (Chair), Julie Maybee, Wesley Pitts, Suzette Ramsundar, and Deborah Rhem-Jackson. They began reviewing resumes in the summer and their thoughtful planning and consideration resulted in this successful search.

Remain well and stay safe.

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