



Dear Lehman College Faculty and Staff—

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Ms. Lisa Peralta as Interim Director, Office of Research and Sponsored Programs (ORSP), effective immediately. Lisa will serve in this role until a permanent appointment is completed. She replaces Brandon Begarly, who has accepted a position at Columbia University.

In addition to this appointment, Lisa will continue her responsibilities as Research Program Manager/IRB overseeing the College's human research and protection program. Lisa has over 20 years of experience working in research administration. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business from SUNY New Paltz and a Master's in Public Administration from Baruch College. Please join me in congratulating Lisa in this interim role.

I want to thank Mr. Brandon Begarly for his excellent service to the College. His last day at Lehman was Tuesday, April 6, 2021. During his two years of service, Brandon and his team strengthened the strategic operations and outcomes of the office of Research and Sponsored Programs. Under his leadership, ORSP processed 79 proposals of which 38 were awarded, representing a dollar amount of \$12,691,027. Brandon also worked with the Research Infrastructure Taskforce convened by the Provost to assess the successes, barriers, and opportunities within Lehman's research enterprise, engaged faculty regularly to identify research, scholarship, and funding opportunities, and guided the development and implementation of a new Indirect Recovery (IDC) rate policy approved by the President in fall 2019. In addition, he strengthened the grant process for proposal submissions, coordinated numerous workshops for faculty, and engaged with the Student Research Advisory Board (SRAB). Please join me in thanking Brandon for his invaluable service to the College.

Ms. Valerie Luria, who serves as ORSP's Associate Director, will continue to provide support for the day-to-day operations of the unit. Please do not hesitate to reach out to Valerie or Lisa for any needs you may have. Contact information for the office can be found below:

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Also, to ensure continuity with external representation regarding our research enterprise, I have asked Dr. Pam Mills, Dean, School of Natural and Social Sciences (NSS) to serve as the College representative to the CUNY Council of Administrators for Research Success (CARS) and the CUNY Council of Grant Officers (COGO). I am pleased that she has accepted and confident that she will serve the College well with this responsibility.

Please remain well and stay safe.

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Peter O. Nwosu, Ph.D.

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