Dear Members of the Lehigh Community,

I am very pleased to announce that I am appointing Terry-Ann Jones, professor of political science and director of the Africana Studies Program, as Lehigh's new deputy provost for undergraduate education (DPUE). In this capacity, Terry will play a critical role in all aspects of our undergraduate programs, but with special focus on educational policies and programs that span across Lehigh’s colleges. Terry will also lead university-wide efforts to enhance undergraduate student retention and academic advising while working closely with associate deans and department chairs to enhance Lehigh’s academic program offerings, improve outcomes and support diversity, inclusion and equity in our educational programs.

Terry is an accomplished educator and researcher. She earned her PhD in International Studies from University in Miami and was on the faculty at Fairfield University for fifteen years before joining Lehigh in 2020 as professor of political science and director of the Africana Studies Program. A Fulbright Scholar, her work has focused on questions related to migration and immigration in the United States, Canada, the Caribbean, Brazil, and most recently, South Africa.

Terry will take on this role as Jennifer Jensen steps down from the role of Deputy Provost for Academic Affairs (DPAA). As I mentioned in the Fall, the DPAA’s former set of responsibilities will be split between the DPUE and another position, the details of which will be communicated in the coming days.

Please join me in congratulating Terry as she takes on this important role and also in thanking Jennifer for her dedicated service to Lehigh for the past nine years in the role of DPAA.

Many thanks to the search committee, led by Jackie Krasas, committee chair for their time and dedication to this important search.

Sincerely,

Nathan Urban

Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs