Dear Colleagues,

I am writing to announce the reappointment of Bob Flowers as Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and Bill Gaudelli as Dean of the College of Education. Both have been reappointed to five year terms.

The College of Arts and Sciences and the broader Lehigh community have enormously benefited from Bob's leadership of CAS. Bob's efforts have resulted in significant increases in research activity across the college - with federal funding of faculty research in the college doubling in the last three years. Bob has also led the college through the significant challenges of COVID and has worked with colleagues to advance the approval of a new CAS core curriculum which will significantly enhance and modernize the education for undergraduate students in our largest college.

I especially appreciate Bob's ability to manage the complexities of a college as diverse and multidisciplinary as CAS through his efforts to reorganize college staffing and his focus on continuous improvement of the operations of the college. He also has significantly elevated the Arts at Lehigh through his support of traditional academic programs in the arts as well as organizations like the Zoellner Center and the Lehigh University Art Gallery.

Bill Gaudelli has led the College of Education to substantial improvements in its educational and research missions while also contributing to university-wide efforts to innovate in our educational programs and efforts. Bill’s work has led to significant enhancements in the College of Education’s educational programs and has brought increased national and global attention to the impact of the work of the College's faculty and students. He also contributed to key aspects of Lehigh’s strategic planning process as co-lead of the Education with Purpose working group.

I am grateful for Bill’s focus on the future of the College of Education and of Lehigh and for his ability to place Lehigh’s work in a national and global context. His focus on innovation of educational programs and methods across the university has resulted in valuable contributions to the success of Lehigh and to increased visibility for the university and the college on that national and global stage.

I am immensely thankful for the work of Bob and Bill and look forward to continuing to work with them to advance research and education at Lehigh.