

# Memorandum

**Date:** Friday, June 8, 2018

**To:** THE NYU SCHOOL OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES COMMUNITY

**From:** President Andrew Hamilton and Provost Katherine Fleming

**Re:** Dean Dennis Di Lorenzo's Stepping Down

As you know from his email earlier today, Dennis Di Lorenzo, Dean of SPS since 2013 and a 25-year member of the NYU community, is stepping down as dean to attend to personal issues that require his immediate attention.

His period at SPS has been marked by many changes in the field of continuing and professional education. The students who come to SPS today are far different than they were 20 or 25 years ago, and their expectations for their education has changed as well. Thanks in large measure to Dennis' leadership, the school has adapted nimbly to the changes, carefully surveying and responding to the needs of its students and New York's employers, successfully developing new programs while consistently maintaining the academic quality of all its programs, and thinking through broader issues, such as access, student success, and work readiness. We thank Dennis for his dedication to the school.

We are glad to announce that, until the appointment of Dennis' successor, Dr. Susan Greenbaum has agreed to serve as the Interim Dean of the School of Professional Studies. She will be meeting with members of the SPS and University communities over the next couple of weeks, and will assume her responsibilities as Interim Dean full-time on July 11. Additionally, Billie Gastic, associate dean and clinical associate professor in the Division of Applied Undergraduate Studies, will be serving as point person for Dr. Greenbaum and assisting in the transition.

Susan is a long-time member of the NYU community and an experienced administrator. She received her BS and MBA from Stern, and earned her doctoral degree in Higher Education Management from the University of Pennsylvania. She served in a variety of capacities at the Stern School of Business over a 31-year career, culminating in her role as the Associate Dean of the Undergraduate College. During her time at Stern, she led the creation of the undergraduate cohort model and the implementation of the Cohen Arts and Culture Experience, and she was involved with a wide range of programs including admissions, financial aid, curriculum initiatives, and alumni relations. She was also an adjunct faculty member at Stern. Following her time at Stern, she has worked as a consultant and executive coach with a focus on educational institutions -- assisting clients with communications, change management, reorganizations, and public relations.

Most recently, Susan returned to NYU to serve as our Interim Assistant Vice President/Executive Director of the Wasserman Center for Career Development, where she strategically led and worked with the team to develop and execute a comprehensive range of career development related programs and services for students, alumni and employers. And now she returns again to serve as Interim Dean of SPS, carrying on the important work there.

Please join us in thanking Dennis for his many years of devoted service to SPS and the University, and in welcoming home Susan Greenbaum to NYU in this new role.