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To: University Deans, Directors, Chairs and Academic Senate  
From: Sylvia Torti, Dean of Honors  
Re: Associate Dean, Honors College  
Date: March 29, 2018

Dear Colleagues:

As many of you know, after 6+ years as Associate Dean in the Honors College, Dr. Monty Paret, is returning to his department faculty. I would like to formally acknowledge the immense contributions that Dr. Paret brought to the Honors College. We are appreciative, and have benefited greatly, from his passion for education, critical thinking, creative problem solving and relentless energy. I credit him with a great deal of our success during these past 6 years to double the number of students graduating with the degree. I also want to thank the Department of Art and Art History for allowing him to serve in this capacity.

I thank the 5 members of the search committee who assisted me in reviewing candidates to fill this role moving forward. I am pleased to announce that I have appointed two remarkable individuals who will both serve as Associate Dean: **Dr. Monisha Pasupathi**, Department of Psychology and **Dr. Laurence Parker**, Department of Educational Leadership and Policy. It can be a challenge to fill the gaps when faculty take on administrative roles like these, and I am grateful for the partnership and support of the Department of Psychology and the Department of Educational Leadership and Policy, for Dr. Pasupathi and Dr. Parker to join our efforts.

I look forward to working with these two talented individuals to move a new ambitious-year strategic plan forward.

Dr. Monty Paret will continue to serve as Associate Dean through the end of June 2018. Please continue to give him your support and appreciation. Anyone who has been involved in academic administration knows that it involves the sacrifice of personal interests for the good of the whole. I appreciate Dr. Paret's willingness to serve Honors these past 6+ years.

Best regards,

Sylvia

Sylvia Torti, Ph.D.  
Dean, Honors College