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To: The John Jay College Community
Re: Dr. Yi Li Stepping Down as John Jay Provost

I wish to thank Dr. Yi Li for his four years of service as the Provost, a position he will be stepping down from on July 19, 2022. Yi has demonstrated a strong commitment to supporting faculty, developing our academic programs, facilitating student success and improving the diversity of our faculty and staff. Importantly, Yi led the college in its effort to increase the numbers of full-time faculty teaching our students. I am happy to report the number of full-time faculty will soon reach a John Jay historical high. Further, with his support, we have increased our focus on DFWI courses, the LEAP program, mandatory advising for transfer students, and best practices for hiring a diverse faculty. I am appreciative of all Dr. Li has done for John Jay, particularly during the challenging years of a pandemic. I am pleased **Dr. Li will remain with us as a Presidential Scholar of Mathematics**, where he can resume his impressive scholarly career.

Our college has emerged from the first years of the pandemic in a strong place -- with increased graduation rates, more flexible course offerings and modalities, and a curriculum that responds to and includes all of our students. As we look to the future, we must have strong leadership to help us build on our successes and address the challenges faced by the college, its faculty, staff and students during a challenging time for our city and the nation. Therefore, I am pleased to report that **Allison Pease has agreed to be our Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs and Provost effective July 19, 2022.**

Allison has an impressive track record at John Jay and knows our institution well. She joined the college as an English professor over twenty years ago, directed the Gender Studies Program for five years, was Chair of the English Department, served as Interim Dean of Undergraduate Studies and currently serves as the Associate Provost for Institutional Effectiveness. As the architect of our [Student Success Vision document](#), the author of our [Strategic Plan](#), a driving force behind the creation of our [Seven Principles for A Culturally Responsive, Inclusive and Anti-Racist Curriculum](#), and the leader of our [Self-Study and Middle States accreditation process](#), our future will be in good hands under Allison's leadership of Academic Affairs.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Karol V. Mason". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Karol" and last name "Mason" clearly legible.

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