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Memo Regarding Appointment of Interim Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences

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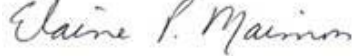
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Date: April 11, 2016

To: GSU Faculty and Staff

From: Elaine P. Maimon, President 

Re: Appointment of Interim Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences

I am pleased to announce that on July 1, 2016, following the departure of Dean Reinhold Hill, Dr. Andrae Marak, current Chair of the Division of Humanities and Social Sciences, will assume the position of Interim Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. At that time Dr. Lori Montalbano will integrate responsibility for leading the Division of Humanities and Social Sciences with her current role as Chair of the Division of Communication, Visual and Performing Arts. The Provost and I have come to this decision after helpful discussions with CAS faculty and staff, who advised us on the importance of continuity during these challenging times. We are fortunate that both Andrae and Lori are well-prepared for these new responsibilities and will work closely with Reinhold as he formulates budget recommendations for FY17.

As Chair of the Division of Humanities, Andrae Marak has been instrumental in the change and growth of the division during the development and implementation of the new general education curriculum. His dedication to promoting diversity and social justice on campus can be seen in the establishment of new minors such as Gender and Sexuality, Global Studies, Latino Studies, and Ethics. Dr. Marak also has led fundraising efforts in Humanities, authoring and co-authoring white papers and grants, including one from the History Channel.

Lori Montalbano brings excellent experience to her expanded role. Dr. Montalbano came to us with administrative expertise from her former post as Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Indiana University Northwest, where she also served as a department chair and Artistic Director of Theatre Northwest. At Governors State, she has fully integrated the university's theater and dance programs with the Center for Performing Arts.

Many thanks for the excellent advice provided by faculty and staff in the College of Arts and Sciences. Governors State University is fortunate to have a depth of leadership expertise to call upon in this time of transition.

