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In March, when I announced that I would step down at the end of the 2018–2019 academic year, I indicated that I would spend much of the year conducting research related to our Senior Learning Community (Broadview) while simultaneously working with Institutional Advancement on end of presidency fundraising. As I prepare to spend the next several months traveling across the country, interviewing residents at senior communities connected to colleges and universities, meeting with alumni and fundraising, I am pleased to update you on a positive development about the interim leadership of the college.

After fruitful discussion with the cabinet and the full approval of the Chancellor's office and system administration, Dennis Craig, Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, has been appointed as the officer in charge, effective August 27 until my return on April 8. This appointment secures the college's ability to execute processes governed by our Bylaws and employee contracts in which the Provost plays specific and necessary roles making separation of duties between provost and president (officer in charge) important.

I strongly believe that Dennis, who has been a valuable member of the Purchase cabinet for 12 years, is uniquely qualified for this role. I have the utmost confidence that his expertise in student affairs and enrollment and his steady leadership will be a great benefit to the faculty and staff and to our mission of providing high quality, affordable education to our diverse and dynamic student body.

During my absence, the search for the next president will commence as planned. I will spend my last few months in the presidency resuming my full responsibilities, while assisting in the transition once the next president of Purchase College is selected.

Please join me in congratulating Dennis as we begin a new academic year.



Thomas J. Schwarz
President