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Re: EMSA Interim Leadership Announcement & Upcoming Search Process

To the John Jay College Community:

I'm pleased to announce that I have appointed **Ellen Hartigan** as Interim Vice President of Enrollment Management & Student Affairs (EMSA) for the upcoming academic year. Ellen will serve in this role while we conduct a nationwide search for a permanent replacement.

Interim Vice President of EMSA



Ellen Hartigan will bring over 35 years of higher education experience and deep familiarity with the CUNY system to the role of Interim Vice President of EMSA beginning August 12. Before her retirement in 2014, Ellen spent 10 years as Vice President of Student Affairs at Queensborough Community College where she oversaw 18 student support departments including Admissions & Recruitment, Student Activities, Financial Services, Services for Students with Disabilities, International Student and Immigrant Student Services, Health Services, and New Student Enrollment Planning & Freshman Academies. In that role, Ellen oversaw the integration of enrollment processes, the simplification of financial aid processes, and the adoption of mandatory academic advisement. At the same time, she introduced new technologies designed to streamline communication with prospective and current students.

Previously, Ellen spent 15 years at Polytechnic University where she served for 10 years as Vice President for Student Affairs and Alumni Development and oversaw the opening of the institution's first residence hall, athletic facilities, and dining areas at its new MetroTech Center campus. Earlier in her career, Ellen served in similar capacities at Adelphi University, Fairfield University, and Marist College. Ellen holds a bachelor's degree from Marist College, a master's in educational administration from Fairfield University, and an advanced certificate from the Institute on College Admissions at Harvard University.

Search Process

This fall, we will launch a nationwide search for the permanent leadership of EMSA. During the month of September, I will hold several listening sessions for the community to provide input about the type of leader needed for this role. I expect to compose a search committee that will begin its work this fall, without using an external search firm. As part of the search process, we will create opportunities in the spring for the entire John Jay community to meet the finalists for this role.

I'd like to extend a special thanks to the entire team at EMSA for your help in navigating this transition. I am very much looking forward to working with Ellen this year as we take the time to conduct a comprehensive search for this important role at John Jay.

Please join me in welcoming Ellen to the John Jay community.

Thank you,

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