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To SUNY Poly Faculty, Staff, and Students:

I am honored to write to you as SUNY Polytechnic Institute's Interim President. In this new role, I look forward to opportunities to work with you to move our institution forward, together. I am extremely thankful to Dr. Bahgat Sammakia for his service to SUNY Poly, which has provided a firm foundation for our institution to reach its full potential.

Looking into the future, SUNY Poly will remain focused on enabling student success and enriching students' lives at both of our campuses in Albany and Utica, expanding our research and innovation activities, and stimulating the economic growth of our community.

It is an exciting time at SUNY Poly. Our 2,900 students, 13:1 student to faculty ratio, and cumulative economic impact of more than \$15 billion in research and development investments during the last two decades have positioned SUNY Poly at the center of a dynamic educational and research-focused ecosystem. It provides our students with unique, valuable, and hands-on learning experience and offers our faculty, students, and staff the fertile ground to innovate and collaborate.

Today, I am also pleased and excited to announce Dr. Steven M. Schneider will be joining SUNY Poly's leadership team as Interim Provost effective July 2nd, 2018. Dr. Schneider brings significant institutional knowledge along with a passion for teaching and scholarly activities. Dr. Schneider will undoubtedly leverage his decades-long experience as a professor at SUNY Poly and previously at SUNY IT, in addition to his work as Interim Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences and Chair of the Department of Communication and Humanities, to lead academic operations at both campuses, further academic accountability and excellence, and enable new, innovative academic programs.

Over the coming weeks and months, I look forward to meeting with you and working together to create a clear pathway toward a more sustainable future and cultivate a dynamic and inclusive environment for each and every one of us who work and study at SUNY Poly.

Again, it is an exciting time, and I am honored to start SUNY Poly's next chapter with you.

Sincerely,

Dr. Grace Wang
Interim President
SUNY Polytechnic Institute