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To: Our College Colleagues

Re: College Updates

All,

First, Happy Friday! I hope that your summer has started off well.

As you know, we have taken some exciting steps that creates a new *Department of Diagnostic and Health Sciences (DDHS)* in our College. This organizational change is effective **July 1, 2019**. I am very pleased to announce that **Dr. Hassan A. Aziz** has agreed to serve as Interim Chair of the Department of Diagnostic and Health Sciences until a permanent Chair is identified. A national search for a new Chair will commence soon. Dr. Aziz will assume the position of Interim Chair effective July 1, 2019. He will continue in his role as Associate Dean for Academic, Faculty and Student Affairs during this period. This is a great service to the College, and I am very grateful that we have someone of his ability who is working to improve our College and for his willingness to manage two demanding responsibilities.

The College leadership has been working with the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Academic, Faculty and Student Affairs to transfer commensurate degrees and academic programs and reporting faculty to the new department. We will also notify Human Resources and the Finance Office of the change. Over the next few days, we will evaluate our College Bylaws and College committee's membership to make any necessary updates.

Finally, plans are being developed for the construction and relocation of offices for a number of faculty members and departments in the 920 and 930 buildings. This move will facilitate the efficiency of faculty working together within our departments including our new Department of Diagnostic and Health Sciences. As you all know, this could be a lengthy process and exact dates could be hard to predict. Once the plans are finalized, a timeline will be developed and shared with you. The timeline will detail the relocation steps in phases to minimize any interruption in the work environment.

Thank you for your continued efforts and your patience through the planned relocations, as we work together to achieve national recognition for each of our educational programs, our research and our clinical impact. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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