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Dear Colleagues—

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Ryan McCarthy as the Director of Athletics and the Apex Facilities, following the approval of President Fernando Delgado. This appointment is effective Monday, March 14, 2022. Mr. McCarthy replaces Dr. Martin Zwirin, who retired at the end of fall 2020 following a career spanning 27 years. I am grateful to him for his service to the College, and to Ms. Georgia Efthalitsides, Associate Director of Athletics, for her service in guiding the department through this transition process.

Mr. McCarthy's appointment as the new director is based on thoughtful consideration and evaluation of the leadership expectations for the position, consultation with and feedback from the search committee, careful review of input received from various campus stakeholders, and evaluation of each of the finalists for the position relative to their skills, fit, and an understanding of athletics and facilities planning and administration. Reporting directly to the Vice President for Student Affairs, the Director of Athletics and the Apex Facilities will provide oversight and leadership for all indoor and outdoor APEX facilities, as well as innovative development and administration of a comprehensive athletics and recreational program serving all students at the College. In addition, the Director will enhance the athletics, recreational program, and the APEX facilities' brand, visibility, and value to internal and external constituents.

Mr. McCarthy joins Lehman from Bronx Community College (BCC), where he has served as the Director of Athletics since 2017. In his time at BCC, he led and supported the completion of numerous projects, including the renovations to Ohio Field, enhancements to the Alumni Gym and Pool such as a new audio and public address system, new scoreboard systems, ceiling fans, and a new, fully equipped athletic training room. During his tenure, new administrative positions were also added such as the associate director of athletics, sports information director (SID), faculty athletics representative (FAR), athletic trainer (ATC), and graphic designer.

Under his leadership, students earned local and national accolades for performances on the field and in the classroom, and teams earned victories over NJCAA Top 10 nationally ranked teams and conference titles. Academically, four teams were represented with student-athletes on the 2020 NJCAA All-Academic Teams. An impressive 22 percent of student-athletes – 19 in all – earned a 3.25 or greater GPA in Fall 2020. On a per-sport basis, BCC student-athletes earned the greatest representation of all CUNYAC community colleges on 2019-20 Region XV and NJCAA All-Academic Teams.

Mr. McCarthy has served on numerous NJCAA Region XV committees and was named President of the City University of New York Athletic Conference (CUNYAC) Community College Athletic Directors in 2020 after a two-year tenure as Vice President in 2018.

He joined BCC from Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, where he led the Cannoneers department over his five years as Associate Director of Intercollegiate Athletics, culminating in the institution rejoining NCAA Division III. Prior to Pratt, he was at Lesley University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, where he served as Sports Information Director for the Lynx 16 varsity sports. At Lesley, he launched initiatives such as live video and live stats and oversaw the redesign of university's athletics website. His work saw Lynx student-athletes and programs featured in the [Boston Globe](#), [New York Post](#) and numerous regional publications. He served as the publicist for five teams that earned NCAA Tournament accolades and hosted New England Collegiate Conference (NECC) Championship Tournaments for four sports.

Mr. McCarthy is currently in his fourth season as a statistician for the NBA's Brooklyn Nets. He has served for several years as an in-game statistician at Madison Square Garden and Barclays Center, regularly scoring pro and college basketball games at the world's two most highly attended arenas. He was the official scorer for the Brooklyn Cyclones, the Single-A affiliate of the New York Mets, from 2014 to 2017.

Mr. McCarthy earned a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism from St. Bonaventure University's Jandoli School of Journalism and Mass Communications and a Master of Science in Student Personnel Administration from the State University of New York at Buffalo State College.

I am grateful to members of the campus community who participated in this important leadership search. I am also grateful to members of the search committee for their diligence and hard work throughout this process. Members of the search committee were:

- Dr. Goher Murtaza, Director of Continuing Education (co-chair)
- Dr. Conrad Walker, Assistant Vice President and Dean of Students (co-chair)
- Anthony Bianchi, Supervisor of Maintenance, Laborers, And Mechanics
- Jessica Fider, Head Coach, Men's & Women's Volleyball
- Huge Reid, Head Coach Men's & Women's Cross Country/ Indoor & Outdoor Track & Field
- Laurie Austin, Director of Admissions
- Tran Hennessy, Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Vice President
- Brad Schoenfeld, Professor of Exercise Science

Please join me in welcoming Ryan McCarthy to Lehman College.

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