Colleagues,

After an international search which fielded a very competitive, viable and diverse field of candidates, I am very pleased to announce that Dr. Anne Haake has accepted my offer to become the next Dean of the B. Thomas Golisano College of Computing and Information Sciences (GCCIS) at Rochester Institute of Technology. Dr. Haake's vision for the college, values, consensus-building skill-set, commitment to interdisciplinary work, and rich and varied experiences are illustrative of the type of leadership she will bring and the type the college needs. Dr. Haake is positioned as the top choice to lead B. Thomas Golisano College of Computing and Information Sciences and I am confident that she will take the college to the next level while building on its great success it has achieved so far. On top of this, Dr. Haake is an RIT alumna and becomes the first female dean for the B. Thomas Golisano College of Computing and Information Sciences. Her appointment begins April 1, 2016.

Prior to her appointment as Interim Dean of GCCIS, Anne has had a long distinguished career in academia including 15 years at RIT. She was appointed Associate Dean for Research and Scholarship by Dean Andrew Sears. Because of this experience, she brings to the dean role a keen sense for keeping the college on its substantial trajectory moving forward.

Starting with a BA in Biology (Colgate University), and MS/Ph.D. in Developmental Biology (University of South Carolina), Dr. Haake completed the MS in Software Development & Management at RIT while on the faculty at the University of Rochester School of Medicine & Dentistry.

Anne is a leader in interdisciplinary research, as PI of NSF and NIH-funded research, and mentor for undergraduate and graduate research. She has promoted collaboration while serving as Associate Dean. Recently, Anne served as an NSF Program Director in the Division of Biological Infrastructure and also in programs for the Division of Graduate Education. While at RIT, Dr. Haake has been a strong advocate for interdisciplinary education. She has served in curriculum development in Bioinformatics, Medical Informatics, the PhD in Computing & Information Sciences, and the MS HCI program.

Finally, Anne has experience as a technical advisor to industry, serving as a board member, delivering instructional workshops, and making recommendations for future research and development.

I want to thank and acknowledge the GCCIS Dean Search committee, especially the co-chairs Dr. James Vallino and Dean Jamie Winebrake, for their stellar work in identifying a diverse group of candidates culminating in this very successful search and hire. Thanks to:

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Speaking on behalf of the search committee, we look forward to Dr. Anne Haake leading the B. Thomas Golisano College of Computing and Information Sciences to the next phase of greatness. Please join me in congratulating Anne on her new role.

Jeremy Haefner
Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

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