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Dear students, faculty, and staff,

It is my great pleasure to announce that Vanya Quiñones, PhD, will be the next provost of Pace University. She'll start on July 1, 2018, to be ready for the new academic year.

We were looking for a creative and inspiring provost. We wanted someone who would work with our deans and faculty to develop a compelling vision for our academic programs. We wanted someone who would strengthen our community by nurturing our shared commitment to diversity and inclusion. We wanted someone who would be an enthusiastic advocate for Pace's story of student success. That's exactly what we found in Dr. Quiñones. She's an impressive academic, an inspirational leader, a passionate champion of student access, diversity, and success, and a dedicated supporter of faculty.

Dr. Quiñones currently serves as Associate Provost for Student Success and Retention at Hunter College, part of the CUNY system. A neurobiologist and biopsychologist, she joined Hunter in 1997 and rose through the academic ranks there, becoming a full professor in the psychology department, then the head of the department's doctoral program, then department chair. As associate provost, she oversees college-wide student success and retention. She increased graduate school enrollment. Throughout her career, she has demonstrated a commitment to students and to diversity and inclusion. She is resourceful—and successful—in pursuing funding to support student-centered initiatives and faculty research, and she believes in the nourishment of a strong and supported faculty.

As provost here, she'll be a visionary leader for our academic programs, a provost who's accessible and student-centered. She'll help us further integrate the Pace Path into how we teach, study, and think.

I want to thank Nira Herrmann, PhD, who has served as Interim Provost for the past seven months. She'll continue in that job through Dr. Quiñones's arrival—and then she'll return to her role as dean of the Dyson College of Arts and Sciences, where we'll continue to benefit from her wisdom and passion for Pace. Thank you, Nira, for your dedication and leadership.

I also want to thank the search committee, led by Joseph Morreale, PhD, chair of the

economics department, and Robert Almon, executive vice president and CFO, and including faculty, staff, and a student representative, for supervising a nationwide effort that brought us several dozen highly qualified contenders—sitting provosts and associate provosts, current and former deans—from private and public universities. The quality of that applicant pool is a testament to Pace and its students and faculty.

Dr. Quiñones was born and raised in Puerto Rico and earned a bachelor's in biology and a master's in cell biology from the University of Puerto Rico. Her doctorate, from Rutgers, is in neurobiology and physiology. As a young researcher at The Rockefeller University, here in New York, she saw few people in the labs who looked like her. This led to her career-long focus on creating opportunities for students across scientific disciplines and within the arts. (She's a poet and a painter, too.)

Most important, she is a tireless advocate for the transformative impact of an education. She'll make a great addition to the Pace Community. You'll get a chance to meet Dr. Quiñones at receptions at all three campuses this semester, with details to come. I hope you'll join me in welcoming her—feel free to send a message to newprovost@pace.edu.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marvin Krislov".

Marvin Krislov