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Dear Campus Community,

It is with great pleasure that I announce that Dr. Rami Maysami will be appointed Dean of the College of Business and Economics effective August 1. Dr. Maysami brings extensive administrative and leadership experience to this role. He served as Dean of the School of Business at the University of North Carolina Pembroke where he led the school through the initial accreditation process by the Association for Advancement of Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB). He currently serves as Dean of the College of Business at Jackson State University, leading their successful reaffirmation of AACSB accreditation for the Bachelor, Masters, and Doctoral degree programs.

Prior to serving as dean, Dr. Maysami was the Chair of the Department of Economics and Finance at UNC Pembroke, where he also served as the Founding Director of the University-wide, multi-college, Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies degree program. Dr. Maysami received his B.S. in Interdisciplinary Studies and his M.S. and Ph.D. in Economics from Iowa State University. A prolific researcher, he has published more than 100 journal articles and presented over 150 conference papers. His research interests include regulation of financial institutions, personal finance and entrepreneurship, particularly the study of entrepreneurial tendencies of minority entrepreneurs.

Dr. Rami Maysami's accreditation experience also includes serving as member of several AACSB peer review teams and as an AACSB-assigned mentor for other business schools seeking initial accreditation. He also brings a history of participation in shared governance. Dr. Maysami served as a member of the Faculty Senate for five years at UNC Pembroke, including two years as the Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee and one year as the Chair of the Senate.

Dr. Maysami brings a wealth of international experience with him. He spent nine years at the AACSB and EQUIS accredited Nanyang Business School in Singapore where he conducted research and taught in the undergraduate, masters and doctoral programs in financial economics. He has extensive study abroad experience as well. If you would like to contact Dr. Maysami before he joins us in August, he may be contacted at ramin.maysami@icloud.com.

I would also like to take a moment to thank the search committee for their work on this important search which coincided with a very busy time in the semester: Amy Bippus, Tye Jackson, Ming Wang, and Mark Wild. Special thanks to Greg Kunkel for chairing the committee.

Please join me in congratulating Dr. Maysami on his new appointment.

Best wishes,

Lynn Mahoney, Ph.D.

Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs