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TO: BU Arts Council
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FROM: Jean Morrison, University Provost and Chief Academic Officer

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SUBJECT: Appointment of Ty A. Furman as the Managing Director,
Boston University Arts Initiative

I am delighted to announce the appointment of **Ty A. Furman** as Managing Director of the Boston University Arts Initiative. In this important new role, Ty will provide strategic support and direction for the development and evolution of the BU Arts Initiative, working closely with faculty, students, academic leadership, and the newly formed BU Arts Council. Ty's leadership will be essential as we work collectively to ensure that the arts are deeply embedded in the cultural and intellectual fabric of Boston University.

Ty arrives at Boston University from the University of Pennsylvania, where he served as Director of University Arts Life Initiatives. He brings more than sixteen years of expertise advising and facilitating arts organizations and programs and an exceptional track record supporting student engagement with the arts both inside and outside of the classroom. Ty also previously served as Executive Director of the Vagabond Acting Troupe and is a founding member of Arts Administrators in Higher Education, a national association of college and university professionals focused on developing and facilitating opportunities for students to create and engage with the arts. Ty holds an Ed.D. in Higher Education Management from the University of Pennsylvania; an MA in Theatre from Villanova University; and a BA in Communications from Juniata College.

While Ty's appointment will not officially begin until December 3, he will consult in the interim with many of the key partners and participants in the BU Arts Initiative, so that we may continue to advance the development of this exciting and comprehensive effort. Upon his arrival, Ty will be based in the Office of the Provost and will report to Associate Provost for Strategic Initiatives Nicole Hawkes.

Ty embodies the ideal blend of experience, energy, and creative vision necessary to bring our University-wide Arts Initiative to fruition. I am confident that his leadership will help us to realize our goals of raising the visibility of and bringing recognition to the breadth and excellence of the arts at BU, and to ensuring that our students develop an active and participatory role in the arts as a meaningful element of their BU experience. Please join me in welcoming Ty to Boston University.

Cc: Robert A. Brown
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