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TO: Faculty and Staff of the College of Arts & Sciences
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FROM: Jean Morrison, University Provost and Chief Academic Officer

DATE: July 27, 2018

SUBJECT: Appointment of Professor Stan Sclaroff as Dean *ad interim* of the Boston University
College of Arts & Sciences

As recently [announced](#), we will launch a national-level search to identify the next Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences (CAS) at the beginning of the fall semester, with the goal of having the new Dean in place for the start of the 2019-2020 academic year. For the upcoming year, President Brown and I have appointed Dr. Stan Sclaroff, Professor of Computer Science and Associate Dean of the Faculty for Mathematical & Computational Sciences in CAS, as Dean *ad interim*, effective August 1, 2018.

Professor Sclaroff is among our most distinguished faculty leaders and has been a member of the CAS faculty since 1995. He is a past chair of the Department of Computer Science (2007-2013), founder of CAS's Image and Video Computing Group, and holds an affiliate appointment in the Department of Electrical & Computer Engineering in the College of Engineering. A globally respected scholar in the areas of computer vision, pattern recognition, and machine learning, Professor Sclaroff is recognized for having developed one of the Internet's first content-based image retrieval systems, among a host of field-defining innovations. He has published extensively in dozens of premier scholarly journals and is an elected Fellow of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers and the International Association for Pattern Recognition.

Professor Sclaroff's track record of academic leadership across disciplines, the respect he has earned among colleagues and students, and his longstanding commitment to advancing scholarly excellence within CAS make him exceptionally well suited to oversee the College over the coming year and ensure that its current momentum is maintained.

To launch the search for the new Dean, I will meet with the CAS faculty at the beginning of the fall semester and then ask both the CAS Faculty Council and the University's Faculty Council to organize to select representatives for the Dean's Search Advisory Committee. In the meantime, we are grateful to Stan for agreeing to serve as Dean *ad interim* of the College. His experience, energy, and extraordinary thoughtfulness make him an outstanding choice to lead CAS. Please join me in congratulating Stan Sclaroff on his appointment and welcoming him to this leadership role.

Cc: Robert A. Brown