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TO: Boston University Faculty

FROM: Jean Morrison, University Provost and Chief Academic Officer

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SUBJECT: Appointment of Advisory Committees to Assist in the Formation of the Faculty of Computing & Data Sciences

In [announcing](#) the appointment of Professor Azer Bestavros as Boston University's inaugural Associate Provost for Computing & Data Sciences, I indicated that, as a next step, I would appoint three advisory committees to develop recommendations to guide the formation of the Faculty of Computing & Data Sciences.

These committees will provide recommendations on key policy and strategy questions for the Faculty of Computing & Data Sciences in the following areas:

1. Hiring, promotion, and tenure review of faculty members jointly appointed between the Faculty of Computing & Data Sciences and our schools and colleges;
2. Organization of curricula within the Faculty of Computing & Data Sciences; and
3. Consideration of the opportunity to add other programs or capacities into the new academic unit.

I am pleased to announce that these three advisory committees were appointed and charged in late November and are hard at work. I want to give special thanks to **Associate Provost for Faculty Affairs Maureen O'Rourke** and **Professor of Computer Science Mark Crovella** for agreeing to chair the first two committees.

The membership of the three committees is listed below; I want to thank each of the members for committing their time, energy, and expertise to this important new effort. I have asked the committees to submit their preliminary recommendations to me no later than February 28, 2020.

This is an exciting time at Boston University. The faculty, academic opportunities, and new capacities for innovation we will add through the Faculty for Computing & Data Sciences will greatly enhance our ability to lead in this growing and strategically important area. I look forward to sharing more details with you as the committees complete their work and we enter the next phase of this process.

Faculty of Computing & Data Sciences Committee on Faculty Appointments

Chair:

Maureen O'Rourke, Associate Provost for Faculty Affairs

Members:

Josée Dupuis, Professor of Biostatistics, School of Public Health

Eric Kolaczyk, Director, Rafik B. Hariri Institute for Computing and Computational Science & Engineering; and Professor of Mathematics & Statistics, College of Arts & Sciences

Barton Lipman, Professor of Economics, College of Arts & Sciences

Yannis Paschalidis, Professor of Electrical & Computer Engineering, Biomedical Engineering, and Systems Engineering, College of Engineering

Marshall Van Alstyne, Questrom Professor in Management; and Professor and Chair of Information Systems, Questrom School of Business

Azer Bestavros, Associate Provost for Computing & Data Sciences (*ex officio*)

Faculty of Computing & Data Sciences Committee on Curricula

Chair:

Mark Crovella, Professor of Computer Science, College of Arts & Sciences

Members:

David Carballo, Assistant Provost for General Education

Stacey Dogan, Professor of Law, School of Law

Evan Johnson, Associate Professor of Medicine and Biostatistics, School of Medicine

Venkatesh Saligrama, Professor of Electrical & Computer Engineering and Systems Engineering, College of Engineering

Azer Bestavros, Associate Provost for Computing & Data Sciences (*ex officio*)

Faculty of Computing & Data Sciences Committee on Programs and Capacities

Chair:

Jean Morrison, University Provost and Chief Academic Officer

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Gloria Waters, Vice President and Associate Provost for Research