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SUBJECT: Appointment of Professor Cataldo Leone as Dean of the Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine

This past spring, I [announced](#) the formation of a search advisory committee to help identify the next permanent dean of the Henry M. Goldman School of Medicine. As you know, Dr. Cataldo Leone, who has been associate dean of the dental school since 2008, agreed to serve as dean *ad interim* while the search process was completed. He has provided steady, thoughtful leadership during this time of transition, and after a robust national search, which considered several strong candidates, I am pleased to announce Dr. Leone's permanent appointment as Dean of the Goldman School of Dental Medicine, effective immediately.

Dr. Leone has been a member of BU faculty since 1999, joining the University as an associate professor of periodontology and oral biology, before being promoted to full professor in 2006 and to assistant dean for academic affairs in 2007. His research explores how specific salivary proteins can protect individuals from oral infectious diseases, as well as the effects of inflammation on epithelial cell behavior. He is additionally focused on educational methodologies and curriculum design and directs several pre- and postdoctoral courses.

Dr. Leone has garnered enormous respect as an administrator, teacher, researcher, and faculty colleague. He is a recent past chair of the BU Faculty Council, was inducted as a fellow in the American College of Dentists in 2018, and is a past recipient of the BU Chapter of the American Student Dental Association's Faculty Award for Outstanding Dedication and Service to Dental Students and Organized Dentistry and the Goldman School's Spencer N. Frankl Award for Excellence in Teaching. He has authored dozens of publications in top-tier refereed journals and his research has been supported by the National Institutes of Health and the US Department of Health and Human Services.

Throughout our conversations with Dr. Leone, it was readily apparent that his deep knowledge about the Goldman School and its culture, strong national reputation for basic, clinical, and educational research, and gift for mentoring and building on the successes of students, faculty, and staff make him an ideal fit for this role. Dr. Leone earned his DMD from the University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine in 1983 and then completed a Certificate of Advanced Graduate Studies in Periodontology in 1987 and a Doctor of Medical Sciences in Oral Biology in

1989 at Harvard University. Prior to joining BU in 1999, he was an assistant professor of periodontology at the University of Florida from 1989 to 1993, and then an associate professor of periodontology and director of the postdoctoral periodontology residency program at Tufts University.

Dr. Leone assumes leadership at a very exciting time for the Goldman School, following the recent completion of a major three-year expansion and renovation of its Albany Street home – one that includes new, fully modernized facilities and further raises the standard of patient care, technological capacity, and educational programming it offers.

Please join me in congratulating Dr. Leone on his appointment and wishing him well in his new role as dean. I would like to thank Professor Leslie Will and the members of the Goldman School Dean Search Advisory Committee for their diligent and careful work throughout the summer and fall fielding candidates and coming back with an excellent report and group of recommendations. Finally, I'd like to give special thanks to the members of the Goldman School community, whose input and active engagement in this process have been vital to its success and to the continued advancement of their school.

cc: Robert A. Brown, President
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