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Dear BU Colleagues,

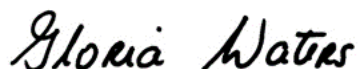
As we start the academic year, I want to welcome returning and new members of the Boston University community to campus and convey my sincere hope that this will be a productive, exciting, and fulfilling year for each of you.

This is a pivotal moment for the University as Dr. Melissa Gilliam is inaugurated as BU's 11<sup>th</sup> president. I am excited to be taking on my new role as University provost and to be working alongside her as the next chapter for BU unfolds. I have been fortunate to be a part of BU's leadership during what has been a transformative time for the University. In my previous roles as a chair, dean, and vice president for research, I have come to appreciate the breadth, depth, and diverse nature of all that we do at BU. BU has been on a continuous upward trajectory and has become a premier global research university. The quality of teaching, research, clinical work, and artistic productions of our faculty; the excellence and commitment of our staff; the vitality and energy of our students; and the scope of activities of the institution make BU one of the largest great urban educational centers in the country and the world. In my new role, I am looking forward to learning more about the scope of our endeavors, and to helping continue to make BU a supportive environment where our faculty, staff, and students will continue to thrive and excel.

To our new faculty and staff members joining BU this fall – welcome to your new community. To those of you who have worked throughout the summer or are returning – welcome back. To all of you – thank you for all you do to make BU the supportive, challenging, invigorating, and exciting place that it is.

Once again, I want to extend my best wishes to you for a productive, successful year, individually and collectively.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gloria Waters". The script is fluid and cursive.

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