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Dear Colleagues:

Together with Chancellor Gallagher, I am pleased to announce that Dr. Valerie Kinloch has accepted my offer to become the Renée and Richard Goldman Dean of the School of Education, beginning July 1, 2017. Dr. Kinloch succeeds former Dean Alan Lesgold, who served as dean for 16 years.

Dr. Kinloch currently is a Professor at The Ohio State University College of Education and Human Ecology. She has held several administrative positions throughout her career in which she has developed extensive experience working with faculty, staff, and students, including her role at the Teachers College, Columbia University, where she served on the faculty before joining Ohio State.

In her roles at Ohio State, currently as Associate Dean and previously as Associate Chair of the Department of Teaching and Learning in the College of Education and Human Ecology, she worked purposefully and collaboratively to build a sustainable model for diversity, inclusion, and engagement in higher education. She is an active member of the National Council of Teachers of English where she also served as Chair of the Standing Committee on Research, and was a Big Ten Academic Alliance Leadership Program Fellow.

Dr. Kinloch holds a PhD in English and Composition Studies from Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan. Her scholarship focuses on the language, literacies, and community engagement of youth and adults both inside and outside of schools; a perspective that mirrors the community engagement and educational excellence priorities in the University of Pittsburgh's strategic plan.

Her scholarship is widely respected and she has received many accolades for her contributions to research and scholarship including the 2012 Outstanding Book of the Year Award from the American Educational Research Association for her book, *Harlem on Our Minds: Place, Race, and the Literacies of Urban Youth*, the 2015 NCTE Rewey Belle Inglis Award for Outstanding Women in English Education, and the AERA 2010 Early Career Award from the Committee on Scholars of Color.

Her commitment to excellence in educational programs is equally well recognized with honors that include Ohio State's James M. Siddens Award for Distinguished Faculty Advising/Mentoring and a Project ASPIRE Grant for leading an Urban Teaching Seminar, and the 2014 Service-learning Research Excellence Award from the University of Georgia.

Dr. Kinloch is committed to guiding the School to new levels of excellence in its preparation of educational professionals and scholars, and her vision for the School of Education is well matched with our aspirations for the School and the University.

Please join me in welcoming Dr. Kinloch to the Pitt community as the Renée and Richard Goldman Dean of the School of Education. I have great confidence that her leadership will advance the School of Education and help the University of Pittsburgh reach new heights of excellence.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Pat E. B.", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Patricia E. Beeson