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Dear Colleagues:

Together with Chancellor Gallagher, I am pleased to announce that Dr. Scott R. Beach has accepted my offer to become the Interim Director of the University Center for Social and Urban Research (UCSUR), effective September 1, 2016. Dr. Beach will succeed Dr. Richard Schulz, who has successfully served as Director of UCSUR since 1999.

Dr. Beach received his Ph.D. in Social Psychology from the University of Pittsburgh in 1993, his M.S. in Psychology here in 1990, and his B.A. (with distinction) in Psychology from the Pennsylvania State University in 1985.

Dr. Beach has been Director of the Survey Research Program at the University Center for Social and Urban Research (UCSUR) since 1999 and has been Associate Director since 2010. He has been an assistant professor in our Department of Psychology since 2009. Dr. Beach has directed dozens of large-scale surveys covering a broad range of topics. He has been involved in all phases of survey design, data collection, and statistical analysis. He also has conducted and published several papers in survey methodology, focusing primarily on how various data collection technologies (e.g., mobile devices) impact the quality of survey data.

In addition to his work in survey methodology and research design, Dr. Beach has interests and has published in areas such as aging and caregiver stress, elder abuse, and technology and aging. His work has appeared in some of the major medical, aging, and survey methods journals including the *Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA)*, *Journal of the American Geriatrics Society*, *Psychology & Aging*, *The Gerontologist*, and *Journal of Official Statistics*. His recent work on elder abuse has focused on the use of survey technology to improve self-reporting of elder abuse, caregiver health and risk for abuse, racial/ethnic disparities in abuse, abuse in assisted living facilities, and screening and detection methods. He has been an invited participant in several National Institutes of Health, National Institute of Justice, and Institute of Medicine workshops on elder abuse.

I am delighted that Dr. Beach has agreed to serve as the Interim Director of the University Center for Social and Urban Research and have great confidence that his scholarly achievements and proven leadership capabilities will help us continue the momentum we have built at UCSUR over the years. Please join me in congratulating Dr. Beach on his new position.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Pat E B".

Patricia E. Beeson