



Message from the Provost

February 25, 2019

Announcing My Retirement

Dear Baruch College Faculty and Staff,

I am writing to you today to announce my retirement this June as Baruch College provost and professor of management, positions I have had the privilege to hold for the last six years.

Thank you for the opportunity to work with you to advance the mission and vision of Baruch College. My service to Baruch has truly been an honor.

When I arrived at Baruch, a few people asked me why I wanted to ‘move to New York.’ That question put me back on my heels, because Baruch College is the one and only position I ever sought in New York. Higher education has been my career, and I already knew about Baruch’s remarkable results in social mobility. As a business school dean, I knew about the reputation of the Zicklin School of Business. And as a believer that public education should provide access to excellence to students who are prepared for that challenge, I knew about the motivated students and extraordinary faculty. I wanted to work for a diverse organization that could demonstrate the strength and resilience that diversity engenders. I have learned quite a lot from you, and I hope that I have made a contribution that you believe is important. And then, there is New York City: To quote the lyrics of Joni Mitchell, “I could drink a case of you, and I’d still be on my feet.”

These six years have been complicated. When I leave at the end of June, I will have served Chancellors Kelly, Milliken, Rabinowitz, and Matos Rodríguez and Executive Vice Chancellors Logue, Wrigley, Rabinowitz, and Bowers. At Baruch, I have had the benefit of a single president with a steady hand, and this has enabled me to serve you—the faculty and staff—and our students. Together, we recruited two new deans, made

some strategic amplifications to the mission of the Austin W. Marxe School of Public and International Affairs, and navigated the shifting waters of CUNY's budget, policies, and initiatives. I was a university faculty member for many years and appreciate the leadership challenge of collaborating with thoughtful and intelligent people. This continues to be purposeful work that I truly enjoy.

I will celebrate my 69th birthday this May, having recently mourned the loss of my Mom and Dad, enjoyed the thrill of two new titanium hips, and am in reasonably good health. There may be part-time or temporary assignments that I would consider, but my days of full-time work are closing. There are several important items that I want to wrap up before I go: do what I can to support reviews by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) this fall and the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE) next spring; fully implement some Board of Trustees and CUNY directives into several of our local college processes; continue to implement our Strategic Plan; serve as master of ceremonies at the Baruch Commencement that marks the end of our yearlong 50-year anniversary celebration; and personally thank as many of you as I can for your dedication to Baruch College.

Sincerely,

Dave Christy

Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

