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FROM THE DESK OF *President T. Ramon Stuart*

Greetings Laker Nation:

Dr. Stephen Schultheis recently shared with me his intention to resign his role as the Vice President for Enrollment Management and Student Success at Clayton State University (CSU) effective April 1.

Dr. Schultheis joined our university in July 2015 as Assistant Vice President for Enrollment Management and has been engaged in higher education for 19 years within a variety of enrollment management, student affairs, and academic roles. He earned his master's degree from Columbia University in Higher Education Administration and his doctorate from St. John Fisher College in Executive Leadership.

As Vice President for Enrollment Management and Student Success, Dr. Schultheis helped CSU achieve the third highest institutional enrollment (fall 2020), while also achieving the institution's highest four-year, five-year, and six-year graduation rates for IPEDS cohorts (through fall 2021); increased fall 2020 new undergraduate student enrollment by 19.6%; increased graduate student enrollment by 17%; realized our highest dual-enrolled student enrollment; developed six higher education partnerships in collaboration with the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs resulting in more than 10 articulated academic programs; and established an Enrollment Management and Student Success Diversity and Inclusion working group, which developed plans to ensure we are aware of and addressing opportunities to improve our service to students and staff. I want to thank Dr. Schultheis for his leadership and contributions to CSU's success.

Our recent shift in senior leadership is an opportunity for us to recruit and hire visionaries – internal or external – committed to sustained growth and further development of our university as we remain steadfast in our mission to support student success. We will ensure a more equitable and inclusive hiring process by providing opportunities for faculty, staff, students, and alumni to serve on search committees, aided with the help of a search firm, that will lead us through national searches for our next Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs; Vice President for Enrollment Management and Student Success; Vice President for Information Technology Services; Vice President for Student Affairs; and Dean of the College of Health.

If you wish to be considered to serve on any of the five search committees, please email Ceimone Strickland at ceimonestrickland@clayton.edu indicating your willingness to serve and specifying which committee(s) you wish to be considered for by the close of business on March 9. We will announce the internal committee chair for each committee, along with the members, when we return from spring break.

I would like to close by thanking each of you for your hard work – especially during this time of transition. Please know that our aim is to move forward by building on the solid foundation we already

have in place. Through your support and commitment to rowing in unison as we move the university forward, we can, and will, reach unprecedented heights as individuals and as a university.

Best wishes,

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