



To: Academic Deans
Members, KSU Graduate Council

From: Mike Dishman, Professor & Dean

Date: July 31, 2018

Re: Interim Leadership of Siegel Institute

cc: Dr. Linda Noble, Professor Emerita & Interim Provost

Dr. Linda Johnston retired from her position as Executive Director of the Siegel Institute for Leadership, Ethics, and Character on June 30, 2018. Following Dr. Johnston's retirement, the Institute is taking a "strategic pause" to consider how we can ensure the Siegel Institute's work best aligns with and supports the University's academic programs. We are also greatly cognizant of our duty to ensure all efforts of the Institute appropriately and holistically reflect the lifelong work of the truly remarkable leader for whom it is named.

Effective Tuesday, July 24, 2018, I appointed Dr. Mark Forehand, Assistant Dean for Graduate International Programs and Special Projects, as Interim Executive Director of the Institute and Dr. Jennifer Purcell, Associate Professor and Graduate Faculty Fellow, as Interim Graduate Program Coordinator for the Institute's Graduate Certificate in Leadership & Ethics. I greatly appreciate Drs. Purcell's and Forehand's willingness to temporarily fill these roles (in addition to their current responsibilities) during our "strategic pause." They will principally oversee the Institute's operational practices, delivery of the graduate certificate to current students and program partners, and complete mandatory reporting requirements.

This week, Drs. Forehand and Purcell will be reaching out to certificate students and degree program partners to ensure programs and students are not adversely affected by Institute's leadership transition and "strategic pause." If you have questions relating to the certificate or work with the Institute, you may contact Dr. Forehand at (470) 578-7816 or mforeha1@kennesaw.edu and Dr. Purcell at (470) 578-2863 or jpurce10@kennesaw.edu.

It is our hope you will partner with us in our efforts this fall to ensure the Siegel Institute is and remains an appropriate legacy to President Siegel's singular contributions to our University.