

August 9, 2022

Colleagues:

I hope that this mid-summer email finds you well and that you are enjoying the warm weather. I write with some important information and updates concerning staffing transitions here at CSI.

As you know, the Department of Athletics has been led by TJ Tibbs for the past eighteen months, and the campus is grateful to TJ for the leadership he has shown and the hard work he has put in to keep the staff and our student-athletes engaged and committed to our (now-successful!) transition to NCAA Division II status. Thank you TJ, for a job incredibly well-done. After a national search that included exhaustive interviews, conversations with internal and external stakeholders, and a rigorous assessment, we are pleased to welcome **Mr. Chase Licata** as our next Director of Athletics. Chase is currently Associate AD at St. Francis College (Brooklyn), a Division I institution whose student body reflects our own in terms of demographics and diversity. A former college athlete himself, Chase has held a wide variety of progressive leadership positions within college athletics, and has a reputation for “rolling up his sleeves” to get the job done. Chase has experience in leveraging facilities to achieve fiscal solvency, and knows the role that college athletics can play in recruitment, retention, and in enrollment management. I am excited to partner with Chase as we enter a new and dynamic period for CSI and, especially, for the Department of Athletics. Chase begins his tenure on August 22.

Additionally, the institution is pleased to welcome (back) **Ms. Cheryl Adolph** as Interim Executive Director of Institutional Advancement and of the CSI Foundation. Cheryl had previously worked at CSI (2016-2021), most recently in the role she will now encumber. A true friend of the college with deep roots in the community, Cheryl brings a wealth of experience and robust understanding of the role and what is required to be successful here. With a strong background in donor cultivation, fundraising, financial management, and revenue generation, I am confident that Cheryl will be an asset to our team and look forward to working with her on a number of important upcoming events. Cheryl assumes her new role on August 25. I want to thank Ms. Kim Williams, who served as Interim AVP for Institutional Advancement and Interim Executive Director of the CSI Foundation, for her contributions to the college over the past twelve months.

The college also welcomes the return of **Ms. Catherine Ferrara** to the position of Interim Title IX/ADA 504 compliance officer. Cathy had previously encumbered this role, as well as that of Chief Diversity Officer, during a prior term of service at CSI. Upon the recommendation of the Middle States site evaluation team, the positions were split, and Ms. Victoria Ajibade has been

admirably performing both roles while we conducted searches for permanent staff. Victoria will remain as CDO while Cathy assumes this role, and I am confident that they will prove to be a powerful combination to assist faculty, staff, and students. Cathy started her role on August 3.

Until next time, TGL

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Timothy G. Lynch". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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