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TO: University Community

FROM: Vilas A. Prabhu
Provost and Vice President
for Academic Affairs

DATE: March 29, 2018

RE: **APPOINTMENT OF DEAN, COLLEGE OF ARTS, HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES**

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Ieva Zake as Dean of the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, effective July 1, 2018.

Dr. Zake comes to Millersville University from The College of New Jersey where she served as Vice-Provost overseeing faculty development, grants, instructional design and graduate and advancing education. While at TCNJ, among other initiatives, she expanded new faculty onboarding programs, strengthened department chairs' professional development, facilitated the college-wide strategic planning process and increased advancing education offerings. Before her appointment as Vice-Provost, Dr. Zake served as a full professor in the Department of Sociology, as Coordinator of Women's Studies and Honors programs and as Associate Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the College of Science and Mathematics at Rowan University. In these roles she worked on managing rapid institutional transformation and development and implementation of new degree programs.

Dr. Zake earned her B.A. in philosophy at the University of Latvia, M.A. in women's studies at the Ohio State University, and Ph.D. in sociology at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. As a teacher and a scholar, she works on the intersection of political and historical sociology, sociological theory and issues of immigration, nationalism and intellectuals. Her work on post-World War II eastern and central European refugees culminated in publishing a monograph "American Latvians: Politics of a Refugee Community" and an edited volume, *Anti-Communist Minorities in the US: Political Activism of Ethnic Refugees*. She also co-edited a book, *New Directions in Sociology: Essays on Theory and Methodology in the 21st Century*. Her most recent publications use materials from the archives of the Communist Party in Riga, Latvia to analyze the political agenda of Soviet tourism industry during the Cold War.

Please join me in congratulating Dr. Zake on her appointment.

I wish to extend thanks to the Search Committee, chaired by Dr. George Drake, Dean of the College of Education and Human Services. Members included Dr. Eric Blazer, Dr. Jill Craven, Dr. Robyn Davis, Dr. Christine Gaudry, Dr. John Kaiser-Ortiz, Mr. Brenden Mixson, Dr. Ankur Nandedkar, Dr. David Owen, Dr. Xun Pan, Dr. Theresa Russell-Loretz, Prof. Deborah Sigel, Dr. Osman Suliman, Dr. Timothy Trussell, Ms. Melissa Wardwell and Dr. Charity Welch. I also thank Ms. Lina Ospina and Mr. David Ramsay for providing staff support for this search.