



Date: April 26, 2017

To: GSU Faculty and Staff

From: Elaine P. Maimon, President

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Re: Appointment of COB Dean

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Jun Zhao, Interim Dean and Professor of Management, as Dean of the College of Business. The Provost and I have come to this decision after consultation with the COB Dean's Search Committee. Many thanks to committee members and their chair, Dean Elizabeth Cada, for their hard work.

Dr. Zhao is a leader and talented educator, driven by her passion for student engagement in global business. Before serving as Interim Dean of the College of Business, she was Chair of the Division of Management, Marketing, and Entrepreneurship, where she helped steer COB toward its newly earned and prestigious AACSB accreditation.

Her insight into the ever-changing world of business has spurred Dr. Zhao's advocacy for internationalizing the business curriculum. She has organized study abroad opportunities to China, Poland, and India and has served as an active member of the university's Global Affairs Committee.

Dr. Zhao, who joined the University's faculty in 1999, has served on the Faculty Senate, the Graduate Council, the Faculty Development Steering Committee, and the Honors Program Council. She supported and inspired COB faculty during the AACSB accreditation process, ensuring that the necessary benchmark goals were reached.

As Dean of the College of Business, Dr. Jun Zhao will lead the COB in building on the success of the AACSB accreditation to become the region's dynamic business school of choice.