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Dear Colleagues:

Dr. Edward Stricker has served as dean of the University Honors College and a Council of Deans member since 2011. So it is with great appreciation for his commitment to strengthen the University and its student experiences that I write to inform you of his decision to return to his faculty role in August 2017.

As dean, Dr. Stricker broadened the breadth of the Honors College and the student experience. He formed a Student Advisory Committee of undergraduates, a Faculty Fellows program for faculty members participating actively in the Honors College, and a Board of Visitors comprised of alumni with close ties to the Honors College, in each case to acquire their perspectives on Honors College programs. He created a Community Engagement Office to help students make contact with community leaders, citizens in need, and faculty mentors, and further expanded the Summer Brackenridge Research Program to the Fall and Spring semesters.

Dean Stricker was instrumental in continuing to add another residence hall so that collectively the three halls now accommodate over 700 students, and he instituted several student scholarship-and-award programs to recognize student achievements. He made progress in expanding the college's reach into the health sciences by starting pre-medical advising, which now serves over 1,500 students per year, and initiating a summer research program for undergraduate students with focal interests in the biomedical sciences.

Dr. Stricker earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in Chemistry from the University of Chicago, and his doctorate in Psychology from Yale University. After completing postdoctoral fellowships at the University of Colorado and the University of Pennsylvania, and a faculty appointment at McMaster University, he joined our faculty in 1971 as an Associate Professor of Psychology and Biology. He was promoted to Professor in 1976, and was named Distinguished University Professor of Neuroscience in 1986. He served as founding chair of the Department of Neuroscience from 1986 to 2002, and co-Director of the Center for Neuroscience from 1996 to 2002.

It has been my pleasure to work with Dean Stricker, both in his role as dean and in his participation in the activities of our Council of Deans, and I am pleased that he will continue his academic career at the University of Pittsburgh in the Dietrich School's Department of Neuroscience. We will form a search committee for his successor in the coming weeks.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Patricia E. Beeson".

Patricia E. Beeson