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Dear students, alumni, and colleagues:

First and foremost we all owe our gratitude to John Sandell, who led the School of Architecture and effectively presided over its third successful accreditation. His caring leadership was distinguished by his deep commitment to our students. John will be returning to his faculty position in the fall when he will be dedicated to his teaching, research, and service.

As of July 1st I will be serving as the Director of the School and Francis Lyn will serve as Associate Director.

As we look ahead, the School of Architecture will embark on a mission to play its part in the university's goal to be the fastest improving university in the nation. We all have a crucial role in bringing our school toward national and international prominence. Our faculty is engaged in cutting edge research, and our graduates are successfully employed pursuing careers as practicing professionals and design thinkers around the world. Our immediate focus will be on renewing the mission and academic plan for the school taking into consideration the professional degree program as well as our strategic role in the development of a more comprehensive design campus; conducting a national search for a permanent nationally recognized director; establishing a community advisory board, and increasing fundraising for the school.

We look forward to working with you and count on your support in these efforts.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Anthony Abbate', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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