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To SUNY Poly's Faculty, Staff, and Students:

I know that most will have seen the proposal made by Governor Hochul as part of the State of the State address to explore plans to re-unify SUNY Polytechnic Institute's College of Nanoscale Science and Engineering with the University at Albany. We look forward to receiving more information about this proposal and its rationale. At present, we are actively engaged with SUNY leadership to obtain clarification and ensure that SUNY Poly and its stakeholders are meaningfully fleshing out the details of this proposal. We remain committed to working with our faculty, students, and staff, as well external stakeholders and partners, to advance our shared vision for the future of this institute.

We will use every method at our disposal to strengthen SUNY Poly, through whatever process ultimately moves forward. We recognize your hard work and efforts on behalf of this institution and the communities it serves. SUNY Poly has and will continue to demonstrate academic and research excellence in the Mohawk Valley, Capital Region, and throughout this great State. We are committed to driving impactful workforce development, research and development, and high-quality education for our students, partners, and all of the communities in which we make a significant difference. We are confident SUNY and the Governor's office share our commitment to this upward trajectory and will see to it that appropriate and necessary resources are dedicated for SUNY Poly to continue as New York State's premier public polytechnic institute.

In the meantime, we will not lose focus on the work at hand, which is to serve our students, research partners, and community in the highest quality manner we can, while keeping each other safe during the pandemic. I continue to be deeply grateful for your many contributions and diligent support of our mission.

-Dr. Tod A. Laursen  
Acting President  
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