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**Dr. Susan Lane elected as next President & Chair of Board of Trustees**

We are pleased to announce the election of Dr. Susan Lane to the position of President & Chair of the Board of Trustees of the School of Fashion Design, effective January 1, 2024. Dr. Lane brings an abundance of relevant strategic planning experience and leadership in higher education to SFD at a time when we are continuing our own strategic planning initiative, which we began in Fall of 2023. We are looking forward to working in close collaboration with Dr. Lane and the Board to continue to advance the SFD mission and best serve our aspiring design students. Dr. Lane's brief bio is included below.

We also want to take this opportunity to thank outgoing SFD President & Board Chair Peter M. Frasca, Esq., LL.M. Peter has served as President & Chair of the SFD Board of Trustees since 2015, and has been a member of the SFD Board since 2007. Peter has led the School of Fashion Design through a significant period of transition, including executive searches, a global pandemic and move to online instruction, and the sale and move from SFD's long time 136 Newbury Street home. Peter is stepping down from the SFD Board to focus on his family and children, his law practice at Lui & Frasca, P.C., Counsellors at Law, and running marathons. We are all so grateful for Peter's patience, perseverance, and leadership, and we wish him and his family all the best.

**Meet Dr. Susan Lane**

Dr. Susan Lane is an institutional strategic leader, team builder, policy and project collaborator, coach, and mentor. Active at the national, regional, and state levels, Dr. Lane has over 35 years of experience in higher education advancing the strategic vision of public, independent, and for-profit institutions, with a particularly focus on access to higher education and building quality programs responsive to changing student needs. Dr. Lane is currently a Senior Consultant with Stevens Strategy, helping institutions identify and advance strategic vision and initiatives. She advances academic success for all learners thru her role as a CAEL Ambassador and ACE Learner Success Lab Advisor. Past professional experiences include Senior Director for Policy & Research at the New England Board of Higher Education, President of The New England Institute of Art, Associate Vice Chancellor at The University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth, Associate Dean and Associate Professor of Education at Lesley University, and Acting Dean of Graduate and Continuing Education at the Massachusetts College of Art. She has also held various positions within state education and executive governing offices. Dr. Lane holds an Ed.D. from Harvard University, an M.B.A. from the University of Massachusetts Boston, an M.Ed. from Boston University, and a B.A. from Clark University.

