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Subject: Dean Jay Light

Dear Members of the HBS Community,

Earlier today, Jay Light announced his plans to retire next June as Dean of Harvard Business School, his professional home for forty years. I wanted to take this moment to express my own deep appreciation, and the University's, for Jay's extraordinary career of service to Harvard.

Jay has been an exemplary leader in a school dedicated to the understanding and practice of leadership. In his years as dean, and throughout his decades at Harvard, he has done a great deal to define the distinctive character of Harvard Business School and to guide its strategy and progress in everything from MBA education to innovative executive programs, from global engagement to initiatives focused on health care and science. He has brought to all he does a powerful devotion to the school he loves – and has inspired a similar devotion in others. He has also been a strong and influential voice within our deans' council on matters of university-wide concern, and someone whose organizational and financial expertise has long benefited not just the Business School but the University more generally. He has been and will remain a valued colleague and friend, for me and for a great many of us across Harvard.

I intend to consult widely in the search for Jay's successor, and will be in further touch with the Business School community in the time ahead to welcome advice on the school, its future, and prospective candidates for dean. For today, I hope you will join me in saluting Jay – and letting him know how much we appreciate all he has done, and continues to do, for HBS and for Harvard.

Sincerely,
Drew Faust

PS - Dean Light's message and other related information can be found at:

<http://www.hbs.edu/about/dean/>