President’s Report to University Council

I am pleased to report the appointment of two new Penn Integrates Knowledge professors who will join us in January: Jonathan D. Moreno from the University of Virginia, and Christopher B. Murray from the IBM research division.

Professor Moreno will hold the David and Lyn Silfen University Professorship, with appointments in history and sociology in the School of Arts and Sciences and in bioethics in the School of Medicine. Professor Moreno is a professor of biomedical ethics and director of U. Va.’s Center for Biomedical Ethics. He is also a Senior Fellow at the Center for American Progress in Washington, D. C. Professor Moreno is a member of the Institute of Medicine and serves on the Institute's Board on Health Sciences Policy. He is a member of the IOM’s prison-research committee and the National Academies' committee on biodefense analysis and countermeasures.

The other new PIK professor, Dr. Christopher Murray, will hold the Richard Perry University Professorship, with appointments in chemistry in the School of Arts and Sciences and in materials science in the School of Engineering and Applied Science.

Dr. Murray is master inventor, patent evaluator, and manager of the Nanoscale Materials and Devices Department at IBM, where he researches the synthesis characterization and integration of nanostructured materials with an emphasis on the exploration of finite size effects in nanoscale magnets and semiconductors.

The MIT Technology Review recognized Dr. Murray's innovation in the development of nano-crystalline materials with his selection in 2000 as one of the most influential innovators younger than 35. He also is the author of two of the top 20 most frequently cited papers in the Ranking of Impact in Nanotechnology.

Bringing Dr. Murray to Penn will have another academic benefit: His spouse and Penn alumna Dr. Cherie Kagan will be joining the Penn engineering faculty. Dr. Kagan holds a doctorate in materials science and electrical engineering from MIT and has a most impressive list of publications and patents to her name. As a member of IBM’s molecular assemblies and devices group, Dr. Kagan became the first researcher to demonstrate that organic/inorganic hybrid materials comprised an alternative class of semiconducting channel materials for thin-film transistors.
These three scholars will have an enormous impact on Penn’s drive to be ever more at the forefront in the discovery of new knowledge that serves society.

Campaign Update

The enthusiasm we are encountering during our “quiet phase” is a most encouraging sign as we continue preparations to launch the public phase of the campaign next fall.

I am especially pleased to acknowledge Bob and Diane Levy’s $5 million campaign commitment to support important priorities at Wharton and the University Museum.

Of the Levy’s gift, $2.75 million will add to their fellowship fund at Wharton for MBA students, bringing the fund to more that $5 million. An additional $2 million will create the Levy Social Impact Fund at Wharton to provide seed and supplemental funding for initiatives in areas such as social impact management and business ethics, and $250,000 will support a variety of special exhibits and projects at the University Museum.

Administrative Appointments

I am also pleased to announce several appointments within our senior administrative team.

Arthur H. Rubenstein has been reappointed as Executive Vice President of the University of Pennsylvania for the Health System and as Dean of the School of Medicine, through June of 2011. Dr. Rubenstein has been a superb leader at Penn Medicine since arriving in the fall of 2001. The School and Health System are recognized as among the finest in the country. Under Dr. Rubenstein’s continued leadership Penn Medicine is on track to be truly one without peers.

Joann Mitchell has been appointed to the new position of Vice President of Institutional Affairs. Since July, 2004 Ms. Mitchell has expertly served as Vice President and Chief of Staff. She has been instrumental in the development of the International Studies High School that is scheduled to open in West Philadelphia in September 2007, and has served as an advocate of Penn’s efforts to increase access by reducing indebtedness through grant-based financial aid initiatives. Ms. Mitchell has contributed her expertise to key administrative searches, the NCAA reaccreditation process and the
Penn Integrates Knowledge professorships. As Vice President of Institutional Affairs, Joann Mitchell will continue to oversee the Office of Affirmative Action, the African American Resource Center, the Office of the Ombudsman, *Almanac*, and will now oversee Archives and Records and Institutional Research.

After a six-month national search, Anne Papageorge has been appointed as Vice President for Facilities and Real Estate. Ms. Papageorge will be responsible for the management and oversight of Design and Construction, Facilities Operations and Maintenance, Planning, Real Estate (including property acquisitions and divestitures, operations and development), Utilities and Facilities finance and administration.

Anne Papageorge most recently served as senior vice president and memorial design director for the Lower Manhattan Development Corp. since 2004. In this post, she managed the planning, design and construction of the nearly $1 billion project encompassing the World Trade Center Memorial, Memorial Museum and cultural facilities.

Prior to joining the LMDC in 2004 as the memorial’s design director, she worked in the New York City Department of Design and Construction from 1996 to 2004, where she served as first assistant commissioner, then, first deputy commissioner and acting commissioner, managing a staff of nearly 1,200 and overseeing 750 projects valued at $4.4 billion.

Ms. Papageorge earned a B.L.A. in 1983 from the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry School of Landscape Architecture, and an M.B.A. in 2001 from the City University of New York Baruch College Zicklin School of Business. She serves on the SUNY Faculty of Landscape Architecture Advisory Council and has served as its president.