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**TO:** Boston University Faculty and Staff

**FROM:** Jean Morrison, University Provost and Chief Academic Officer  
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**DATE:** September 12, 2014

**SUBJECT:** Appointment of Dr. Sandro Galea as Dean of the School of Public Health

This past winter, we began a national-level search for a new Dean of the School of Public Health. We sought candidates who would bring the proven leadership, strategic vision, and track record of research and academic accomplishment essential to chart the future of the School of Public Health. After a rigorous and competitive search process that considered many exceptional candidates and thorough consultation with our Search Advisory Committee, we are delighted to join President Brown in announcing the appointment of Dr. Sandro Galea as Dean of the School of Public Health.

Dr. Galea is the Gelman Professor and Chair in the Department of Epidemiology at the Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health – a position that includes oversight of more than 150 faculty members with a total grant portfolio of more than \$100 million, and which trains 400 students, including Master’s level, doctoral students and post-doctoral fellows. An elected member of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences, Dr. Galea has spent his career as both an accomplished physician and teacher of epidemiology, focusing his research on the social production of health of urban populations. He received his MD from the University of Toronto, his Master’s degree from the Harvard School of Public Health, and his DrPH in Epidemiology from the Columbia University School of Public Health.

Prior to his tenure at Columbia, Dr. Galea served as Director of the University of Michigan’s Center for Global Health. He has published more than 450 scientific journal articles, 50 chapters and commentaries and nine books, while his research has been continually funded by the National Institutes of Health, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and several foundations. As Chair at Columbia, he successfully led the reorganization of the Epidemiology Department to reflect current and emerging research strengths, launched initiatives to bolster diversity and extend the department’s research portfolio, and led a transformation of Master’s education at the School level that resulted in implementation of a novel integrated MPH curriculum. Dr. Galea is a member of the NYC Health Board, chairs the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene’s Community Service Board and is past President of the Society for Epidemiologic Research. Through extensive conversations with him about his ambitions for the

School of Public Health, it was quickly clear that Dr. Galea's scholarly credentials, energetic leadership, and exceptional track record of vision and execution across multiple fields of public health are an ideal match for our needs at SPH.

Dr. Galea will begin as the Dean on January 1, 2015. We hope that you will join us in formally welcoming him to the BU community in the months ahead. In the intervening period, we are grateful that Dean Robert Meenan, who has served on the BU faculty since 1977 and has led the School of Public Health since 1992, has agreed to continue serving in his present role. Dean Meenan will work closely with Dr. Galea during the transition and, at the conclusion of his service, will join the Office of the President in the role of Special Assistant.

We want to express our gratitude to the members of the SPH Dean Search Advisory Committee, whose considerable efforts and unwavering standards were vital to the success of the search. As we prepare for Dr. Galea's arrival this winter, we would also like to thank the SPH community for its assistance throughout this process and for its continued work enhancing the quality and reputation of one of the nation's preeminent schools of public health.

Cc: President Robert A. Brown  
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