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Dear Law School Community,

I know that there is a great deal of concern about the International Human Rights Program's status both for this year, and going forward. Put simply, the IHRP is and will continue to be a critically important program for the Faculty. As I wrote yesterday, I thought it very important that the University conduct a review about the Director search, and requested one weeks ago. With the Review finally established, there is a forum for addressing what happened with the search, which in turn helps put us in a position to plan for what comes next at the IHRP.

With the Review in place, I am pleased to announce that Professor Emerita Rebecca Cook has agreed to serve as Interim Director of the IHRP. She will be available to provide advice on this year's program, but the central focus of Prof. Cook's work will be future plans for the IHRP. Her mandate will be to put together a menu of possible future directions for the IHRP, and report on and discuss those possibilities with the next Dean. She looks forward to consulting with the various constituencies of IHRP, especially the students, and will of course be free to consult with whomever she would like. I know that contributors to the process will fully respect Prof. Cook's independence from the retrospective Review.

As the Founder of the IHRP, a significant scholar in international human rights, and an effective leader in this field outside the academy, we could not have a better person to help chart the future course of the IHRP than her. This is another contribution to our community for which the Faculty owes her a deep debt of gratitude!

We are in the process of finalizing this year's programming for the IHRP, and with Prof. Cook's leadership, we look forward to an even better IHRP in the future.

Sincerely,

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