

April 18, 2005

Faculty, Staff, Alumni and Students  
Viterbi School of Engineering

Dear Colleagues:

Office of the Provost

Lloyd Armstrong, Jr.  
Provost

On behalf of President Sample, I am pleased to announce the appointment of Professor Yannis C. Yortsos as dean of the Viterbi School of Engineering for an interim period, effective June 1, 2005. Yannis is the Chester Dolley Professor of Petroleum Engineering and Professor of Chemical Engineering. He has also served as the Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs in the Viterbi School since July 1, 2001.

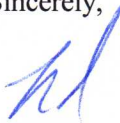
The appointment of an Interim Dean in the Viterbi School has been necessitated by the recent appointment of its current Dean, C.L. Max Nikias, to Provost of the University, a position that Max will assume on June 1, 2005. Yannis will serve in an interim capacity until a new Dean is appointed. Having served as a member of the senior leadership of the School for the last four years, Yannis has the required experience and capacity to lead the School through the transition period. I am confident that with his leadership, the Viterbi School will continue unimpeded in its spectacular trajectory of the last four years. In particular, he will assure that progress continues on the implementation of the many current School initiatives, several of which he already plays a key role.

Professor Yortsos holds a Diploma from the National Polytechnic of Athens, and a Master's and Ph.D. degree from the California Institute of Technology, all in Chemical Engineering. Between 1991-1997, Yortsos served as Chairman of the Department of Chemical Engineering at USC.

Yortsos received the 1981 ARCO Oil and Gas Outstanding Jr. Faculty award; the 1985 Rossiter Raymond award of the AIME; and the 2000 Distinguished Educator award of the Orange County Engineering Council. He is a Fellow of the Institute for the Advancement of Engineering. Yortsos has been actively involved in the Peer Review of the Yucca Mountain Project for the disposal of high-level radioactive waste. He was a member of the Peer Review Committee on Thermal Hydrology in 1995, a member of the Panel on Expert Elicitation on the Near-Field/Altered Zone Environment in 1997-1998, and advised the TSPA-VA Peer Review Committee in 1998-1999.

Please join me in welcoming Yannis to the deanship of the Viterbi School of Engineering.

Sincerely,



Lloyd Armstrong, Jr.  
Provost

cc: Steven B. Sample  
C.L. Max Nikias  
Yannis C. Yortsos