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At the February 23 Faculty Senate meeting, Provost Nielsen announced the Pack Promise, an exciting new financial aid initiative that will guarantee 100% financial aid support for NC State undergraduates from very low-income families. The first class of Pack Promise students will be entering freshmen in fall 2006 and each year thereafter a new class of freshmen will be added until all undergraduates from low-income families are fully funded. Responsibility for administering the Pack Promise will reside with the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid, and as director of that office and spokesperson for the Pack Promise, it is imperative for me to be fully involved with both promoting the program as well as identifying and funding the students who will benefit from this initiative for 06-07 and in the years ahead.

As plans for the Pack Promise have moved forward, it has become increasingly clear that I will not be able to devote the time and effort needed to support the Pack Promise as well as be an effective project manager for the SIS implementation. Thus, I have decided I must step down from the SIS project manager role and focus my efforts where they are most needed.

This was an incredibly difficult decision for me because I believe strongly in the SIS project and in all of you who are so actively engaged in the implementation. NC State is fortunate to have talented functional and technical staff who will assure the success of the implementation, as well as skilled external consultants to guide us through the implementation. The project has very positive forward momentum, and I am confident the implementation will be successful under new leadership.

Louis Hunt and I consulted on my replacement. We are pleased to announce that Rick Liston has agreed to assume the role of project manager effective immediately. Rick has a long history of involvement in this project, and will do a great job guiding the implementation through completion. I will support Rick through the transition, and will continue to be involved in the SIS implementation as a SIS director and Advisory Team member.

Thank you all very much for your commitment to ensuring the success of the SIS project and for your support during the six months I served as project manager. I know the project will continue to be successful under Rick's leadership.

Thanks,  
Julie

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