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Temple University Provost Lisa Staiano-Coico Joins Science Center Board

PHILADELPHIA--(December 21, 2009) – Lisa Staiano-Coico of Temple University has joined the University City Science Center’s Board of Directors. Dr. Staiano-Coico is Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Professor of Surgery at Temple University.

A widely published expert in skin cell biology, wound healing and burns, Dr. Staiano-Coico has held appointments as professor of nutritional sciences, professor of fiber science and apparel design, professor of microbiology in surgery, professor of public health, and professor of microbiology in dermatology. Prior to coming to Temple, she was dean of the College of Human Ecology at Cornell University. Her research has been funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the New York Firefighters Burn Center Foundation and other agencies.

From 2003 to 2005, Dr. Staiano-Coico directed the Tri-Institutional Research Program, a \$160 million research consortium of Cornell University, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center and Rockefeller University. From 1987 to 2004, she held academic and administrative leadership positions at Cornell’s Joan and Sanford I. Weill Medical College in New York City, where she ascended to vice provost for medical affairs and external affairs, and division chief of surgical research in the department of surgery.

Her recent professional appointments have included service as a member of the NIH’s National Advisory General Medical Sciences Council, as well as a chair on the NIH’s National Institute of General Medical Sciences Special Emphasis Panel concerning trauma training and the Special Emphasis Panel of the NIH’s National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine. Dr. Staiano-Coico also was a member of the Association of American Medical Colleges’ Task Force on Research Institutes and Centers. She is past president of the International Society for Analytical Cytology. Dr. Staiano-Coico currently researches alcohol and drug abuse prevention among traditional college-aged students.

A native of Brooklyn, N.Y., Dr. Staiano-Coico earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Brooklyn College of the City University of New York and a doctorate in microbiology and immunology from the Cornell University Graduate School of Medical Sciences (now Weill Cornell Medical College). She conducted her post-doctoral research at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center.

“Dr. Staiano-Coico’s breadth of experience in the life sciences, medicine and academia makes her a valuable addition to the Science Center’s Board,” says Stephen S. Tang, Ph.D., president and CEO of the Science Center. “We look forward to her input and ideas.”

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