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NEW YORK, June 25 /PRNewswire/ -- The New York State Board of Regents voted in favor of Polytechnic University and New York University's affiliation to become Polytechnic Institute of New York University. The effective date is July 1, 2008.

The partnership between New York University and Polytechnic University referred to by Polytechnic University President Jerry Mullin as "the perfect fit between two great universities" will create a top-tier research, technology and engineering institution that will benefit students, New York, the nation and the world.

Polytechnic University joins one of the top-ranked higher education research institutions in the world, creating collaborative opportunities between science and engineering. NYU's affiliation with Polytechnic University will give NYU an engineering program for the first time in more than three decades and provides new opportunities for NYU faculty and students.

According to the New York Center for an Urban Future's report on August 6, 2007, Engineering A Tech Sector, "The merger (between NYU and Polytechnic University) could provide a critical spark to the city's long-standing, and largely frustrated, efforts to establish itself as a vibrant center for technological innovation."

"This momentous affiliation will make New York a leading technological center for innovation, entrepreneurship and economic growth," said Craig Matthews, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Polytechnic University. "It will yield huge benefits for faculty by increasing research and collaboration, and will expand interdisciplinary resources and programs for our students globally."

"The students, faculty and administration are very excited about the new opportunities this dynamic partnership will provide," added Mullin. "This perfect fit between two great universities will preserve and enhance Polytechnic's commitment to top-tier technology education and research, contribute to the economic vitality of New York City and the nation and to our students' ability to compete in the 21st century global economy."

About Polytechnic University

Polytechnic University, one of the nation's oldest private engineering universities, was founded in 1854 in Brooklyn, New York. Today, it is the New York metropolitan area's preeminent resource in science, engineering, management and technology education and research. In addition to its main campus at MetroTech Center in Brooklyn, Polytechnic offers programs at sites throughout the region, including Long Island, Manhattan and Westchester. Additionally, the University offers several programs in Israel.

For more information, and to learn more about the Power of PolyThinking and the Polytechnic-NYU merger, please visit www.poly.edu/mergercentral.

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