



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER UNIVERSITY

To members of our campus community,

I write to provide an update on changes within the StFX senior leadership team both in role and responsibility.

Following, Dr. Wamsley's appointment as the President and Vice-Chancellor of Nipissing University, the formation of a search committee has been initiated. Once finalized, a list of committee members will be communicated. With the aid of a search consultant, the University will embark on an international search to fill the position of Academic Vice President & Provost with an anticipated start date of July 1, 2022. We are very fortunate to have Dr. Tim Hynes serving as the interim Academic Vice President & Provost. His experience and leadership in this role have ensured a very smooth transition for this key position.

With Dr. Hynes' move, the position of acting Dean of Business has been taken on by Dr. Bobbi Morrison. I am very pleased to officially welcome Dr. Morrison into this leadership role.

We are greatly saddened by the news of Dr. Belliveau's death. In his tenure as our Dean of Science, his many contributions identified him as a both a champion and a leader of our institution. Our thoughts are with his family and friends. Moving forward, I am delighted that Dr. Joseph Apaloo has agreed to take on the role of Interim Dean of Science. His leadership will serve the Faculty and University well as we engage with an international search for the next Dean of Science. It is anticipated that the successful candidate will begin the role of Dean of Science on July 1, 2022. As we move forward with both the Dean of Science and the Academic Vice President & Provost searches, I will be sure to keep our community updated in terms of the progress being made.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the leadership of Dr. Jeff Orr in his former role as Dean of the Faculty of Education. His many contributions as Dean identified him as a highly valued member of the senior leadership team of the University. I am very pleased that the baton of leadership within the Faculty of Education has been passed to Dr. Lace Marie Brogden who joined us from Laurentian University on July 1 of this year. Please welcome Lace Marie to our community.

Observing our commitment to an immersive student experience, we have collectively agreed to rebalance some responsibilities within the Executive leadership team. Elizabeth Yeo, Vice President Students, will step more fully into the work of the President's Action Committee on Anti-Racism on which she serves as Co-Chair while Athletics & Recreation will now fall under the portfolio of the Vice President Finance & Administration, Andrew Beckett. The strong

collaborative relationships within the senior leadership team will ensure that all portfolios are aligned with the student experience.

In terms of Government Relations, this important aspect of the University's operations has been added to the duties and responsibilities of the Vice President Advancement, Murray Kyte. There are of course natural linkages between communications, advancement and government relations and I am grateful to Murray for taking on this important role.

I would like to extend congratulations to Janice Landry, our Director of Continuing Education who has officially begun her retirement. On behalf of the university community, I want to thank her for her many years of contributions to StFX and wish her well in retirement.

This remains a time of change within StFX, but it is also a moment to recognize that we are extremely fortunate to have such a wealth of strong leadership to call upon within our institution. I look forward to working together to continue our journey of building the way university is meant to be.

Sincerely,

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