

MEMORANDUM

To: Faculty of Science Community

Copy: Faculty of Science Decanal Review Committee; President's Leadership Team; UWOFA Executive; USC Executive; SOGS Executive; Affiliated University College Principals

From: Florentine Strzelczyk, Provost & Vice-President (Academic) and Chair, Faculty of Science Decanal Review Committee

Date: June 28, 2022

Re: Appointment renewal: Dean, Faculty of Science – Matt Davison

On behalf of Western's Board of Governors, President Alan Shepard, and the Faculty of Science Decanal Review Committee, I'm very pleased to announce that **Matt Davison** has been re-appointed Dean, Faculty of Science for a second term, beginning July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2029.

The recommendation to renew Matt's appointment was advanced with the unanimous support of the Faculty of Science Decanal Review Committee and President Shepard. The recommendation was informed by feedback gathered from members of Western's Faculty of Science and the campus community.

Matt was first appointed Dean in July 2018 and has been a faculty member at Western since July 1999. Before being appointed Dean, he held several leadership roles in the Faculty since 2014, including Acting Associate Dean and Chair of the Department of Statistical & Actuarial Sciences. Matt held a Tier 2 Canada Research Chair in Quantitative Finance between 2006 and 2016 and is a Fields Institute Fellow. Prior to joining Western as a faculty member, Matt was Assistant Vice President, Equity Arbitrage, at Deutsche Bank Canada from 1997-1999, and he was a postdoctoral research fellow in the Physiology Institute of the University of Bern (Switzerland) from 1995-1997. He holds a Bachelor of Applied Science (Engineering) from the University of Toronto and an MSc and PhD in Applied Math from Western.

As Dean, he has done an admirable job of leading the Faculty of Science through the challenges of the pandemic, providing strong support for research and ensuring outstanding teaching and learning experience for students. Among his many other important contributions during the past four years, Matt was a key member of the Strategic Planning Steering Committee.

I want to thank members of the Selection Committee which included Peter Brown (Science), Yining Huang (Science), Hanan Lutfiyya (Science), Paula Luchak (Science), Jack Bowman (undergraduate student), Lamees Mohammed (graduate student), Ken Coley (Dean, Engineering), Carolyn McLeod (Arts & Humanities), Art Poon (Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry), and Lesley Rigg (Vice-President, Research).

We are grateful for Matt's ongoing commitment to Western and we look forward to supporting his continued success in leading the Faculty of Science in the years ahead. Please join us in congratulating Matt and supporting his future success.