

MEMORANDUM

To: Faculty and Staff of the Faculty of Law, President's Leadership Team, Senate, Campus Council, SOGS and USC Executive, Affiliate University College Presidents

From: Florentine Strzelczyk, Provost & Vice-President (Academic)

Date: March 14, 2024

Re: **Announcement of Acting Dean, Faculty of Law**

Following my earlier announcement of Erika's Chamberlain's decision to step down as Dean, Faculty of Law, I am pleased to share that **Andrew Botterell** has graciously accepted my invitation to serve as Acting Dean for a one-year term beginning July 1, 2024.

Andrew has become well known to many in the Western community since his arrival in 2007. Currently the Associate Dean (Academic) with Western Law, Andrew previously served as Associate Dean (Research & Graduate Studies) and is a past Chair of the Department of Philosophy (2016-2019) where he held a joint appointment until 2020.

A former editor of the Canadian Journal of Law and Jurisprudence, Andrew is an accomplished scholar whose primary teaching and research interests are in criminal law, private law theory, and the philosophy of law.

He is also an inspiring educator, named Professor of the Year at Western Law in 2015 and receiving of the Faculty's Award for Teaching Excellence in 2018. Andrew's commitment to service extends beyond his many positions on Western governance committees, including two terms as Vice-Chair of the Senate Review Board, as he has also volunteered for many years to support communities through the non-profit organization Academics Without Borders.

We will soon begin the process of establishing a Senate-elected Decanal Search Committee to recruit a new permanent Dean.

In the meantime, please join me in thanking and congratulating Andrew, and supporting his success as Acting Dean when his term begins this summer.