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TO: Faculty, Staff and Students
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FROM: Dr. Joanne C. Keselman, Vice-President (Academic) and Provost 

RE: **Recommendation on the Appointment of a Dean, Division of Extended Education**

I am pleased to advise you that, at its March 18, 2014 meeting, the Board of Governors approved the appointment of Dr. Gary Hepburn as Dean, Division of Extended Education for a five year term, effective July 1, 2014.

Dr. Hepburn is a Professor at the University of the West Indies. Since 2011, he has held the position of Director of Academic Programming and Delivery at the Open Campus, University of the West Indies. In this role, he is responsible for the development and delivery of all the Campus' online programming that range from continuing and professional education programs to degree, certificate, and diploma programs at both the undergraduate and post-graduate levels. The Open Campus serves over 25,000 students in 16 countries of the English-speaking Caribbean. As Director, Dr. Hepburn has also been actively involved in Campus and University governance, serving on key Campus and University committees, including Senate, University Council, the University Strategy and Planning Committee, and the Boards of Undergraduate Studies and Graduate Studies and Research. From 2001 to 2008, he held the position of Director, Open Acadia (which was formerly called the Division of Continuing and Distance Education) at Acadia University.

Dr. Hepburn received his doctorate in curriculum and instruction from the University of British Columbia in 1997. He received his Master of Arts (Education) in 1993 from Saint Mary's University, and holds bachelor degrees in both Education and Science (Chemistry) from Mount Allison University. In 1999, Dr. Hepburn received a Certificate on Teaching in Higher Education from the University of British Columbia. His areas of teaching and scholarly interest focus on educational technology, including on-line learning, and strategic directions and emerging trends in higher education. His published work is mainly in the areas of science education and the use of open source software in educational settings. Dr. Hepburn's research has been supported by local, provincial and national sources, including SSHRC.

Dr. Hepburn is a member of numerous professional organizations and associations, including the Canada Network for Innovation in Education, the Canadian Association for Distance Education, and the American Association for Computing in Education. He serves as a reviewer and sits on the editorial committee for the Canadian Journal of Learning and Technology. He has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Canadian Virtual University, and currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Maple Leaf International School in Trinidad.

Given Dr. Hepburn's demonstrated success as an administrative leader, his track record in forging strong and innovative partnerships, and his academic and scholarly achievements, I believe that the Division can look forward to a very promising future under his leadership.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those involved in the appointment process, including members of the Presidential Advisory Committee and the many individuals who provided valuable input into this appointment.

cc: Dr. Gary Hepburn
Presidential Advisory Committee to Appoint a Dean of Extended Education