

**University of Windsor  
Senate**

5.8: **Report of the Provost**

Item for: **Information**

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The Office of the Provost works collaboratively across the university to advance academic excellence. Guided by our strategic plan (*Aspire: Together for Tomorrow*), the office oversees long-range academic planning, teaching, and learning, faculty innovation, student life and academic success, enrolment management, and institutional analysis. We are committed to promoting equity, sustainability, and the rich diversity of our campus.

**1. Campus Update--Dean of Science candidates on campus this month**

After an exhaustive search generating many fine candidates, I am pleased to announce that we will host four highly promising finalists for the Dean of Science on campus this month: **January 19, 22, 23, and 24**. Candidates will meet a broad range of individuals and groups. We are hoping to identify a candidate of choice by the end of the month or early in February. Given the importance of this leadership position, I encourage interested members of the university, whatever their discipline, to attend the public presentation and provide feedback to the search committee. I would like to thank the search committee for their excellent work; it has been a privilege to collaborate with them on this project.

**2. Campus Update—Applications due soon for Associate Vice President, Academic**

As noted in previous Senate reports, the deadline for applying for the Associate Vice President, Academic is **January 15<sup>th</sup>**. The search committee will evaluate applications immediately after and invite select candidates for interviews. I will provide an update on the search's progress at the next Senate meeting.

**3. Campus Update--Renewal process for Dean of the Faculty of Nursing**

In accordance with Senate procedures, the process to consider the request of the Dean of the Faculty of Nursing for a 5-year renewal has commenced. I will update the Senate on the outcome once the process has been completed.

**4. Campus Update—Changes in Graduate School Leadership**

Effective January 1, 2024, Dr. Patti Weir has resumed her post as Dean of the Graduate School, a position she has held since July 1, 2012, except for a two-year period between May 2021 and June 2023 when she served as Interim Provost and VP, Academic. Dr. Debbie Kane, who recently concluded a stint as Interim Dean of the Graduate School, resumes her position as associate dean, effective January 1, 2024. Please join me in thanking Dr. Weir and Dr. Kane for their continued service to the University of Windsor.