

Memo

To: Senior Leadership Forum
From: Airini, Provost and Vice-President Academic
Date: August 23, 2021
Subject: Announcement – Interim Vice-Provost, Teaching, Learning and Student Experience

Hello Colleagues. Bonjour.

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I am delighted to announce the secondment of Dr. Jay Wilson as interim vice-provost, teaching, learning and student experience effective September 1, 2021. The purpose of this secondment is to provide multi-month leadership until the formal search in fall 2021 is completed to appoint the next vice provost TLSE. In partnership with the provost and in concert with other members of the University's senior leadership team, Jay as interim vice-provost, TLSE will support the university's strategic directions and ensures the successful implementation of the University 2025 plan, in areas tied to students, teaching, and learning. It is exciting that at this time, we have the opportunity to draw on Jay's leadership skills and experience.

Dr. Jay Wilson is a professor in the Department of Curriculum Studies. His program of research centers on innovative learning design, online teaching and learning, and experiential learning assessment. Dr. Wilson works to support the understanding and growth of pre-service and in-service teachers and professors through his service and scholarship. His academic work includes a strong focus on the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning in both his publications and presentations. His current projects include SSHRC funded research examining assessment in experiential learning. Another interdisciplinary project funded through the RUH Foundation is in Virtual Reality (VR) in Nursing Education. Another example is research related to VR in kidney care as part of a SHRF Funded project. He supervises PhD and Masters students, including them in his research projects.

He teaches in the areas of curriculum, assessment, program evaluation, technology and media. Jay's teaching has been recognized locally, nationally, and internationally in many ways including the 2017 3M National Teaching Fellowship, the University of Saskatchewan Master Teacher Award (2015), the Society for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education D2L Innovation Award (2012), University of Saskatchewan's Outstanding New Teacher Award (2010), and as an Apple Distinguished Educator (2011). He has worked extensively with the Gwenna Moss Center for Teaching and Learning serving as a Teaching Fellow three times.

During his time at USask, Jay has been actively involved in governance as a member of University Council. He has served as the Chair of Council, Chair and Vice Chair of the Teaching Learning and Academic Resources Committee (TLARC), and Chair of the Governance Committee. He has been engaged with University Council especially with initiatives specific to teaching assessment, the Learning Charter, work on Indigenizing university programming, experiential learning, and partnering with the University Governance Office.

Please join me in welcoming Jay to the interim vice-provost, teaching, learning and student experience role.

Sincerely,



Airini, Provost and Vice-President Academic

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