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**To:** Senior Leadership Forum  
**From:** Airini, Provost and Vice-President Academic  
**Date:** August 20, 2021  
**Subject:** Deputy Provost Announcement

Hello Colleagues. Bonjour.  
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[English. French. Cree. Dakota. Dene. Lakota. Michif. Nakota. Saulteaux]

I am delighted to announce the appointment of Dr. Patti McDougall as deputy provost effective October 1, 2021.

Patti currently serves as vice-provost, teaching, learning, and student experience and is an associate professor of psychology. Patti completed her undergraduate degree at Queen's University followed by a Master's of Applied Science at the University of Waterloo, and a Ph.D. in Human Learning, Development and Instruction at the University of British Columbia. She joined St. Thomas More College (federated with the University of Saskatchewan) in 1998 working as a faculty member, assistant dean, associate dean, and interim dean. At STM, Patti was actively engaged in developing interdisciplinary programming and experiential learning opportunities in the humanities and social sciences. Patti joined USask as vice-provost of teaching and learning in 2013. Her portfolio broadened in 2014 to include operations and initiatives in teaching, learning, and student experience (TLSE).

As a developmental and educational psychologist, Patti's research follows social relationships in childhood and adolescence, with a focus on the impact of bullying and victimization. She has held roles in national organizations including PREVNet (Promoting Relationships and Eliminating Violence Network), to stop bullying and promote safe and healthy relationships for youth. Patti also investigates the nature of the transition into university, students' educational goals, and factors that impact student retention. She has authored and co-authored articles appearing in *American Psychologist*, *Merril Palmer Quarterly*, *Social Development*, *International Journal of Behavioural Development*, and *Journal of Experimental Child Psychology*, among others.

Thank you to the search committee members who gave so generously of their time in this vitally important appointment process: Jay Kalra, Loleen Berdahl, Suzanne Kresta, Erica Carleton, Som Niyogi, Darrin Oehlerking, Keith Da Silva, Tasnim Jaisee, and Mery Mendoza.

Please join me in welcoming Patti to the deputy provost role.

Sincerely,



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Provost and Vice-President Academic  
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