

**MEMORANDUM**

To: Dalhousie University, Faculty of Computer Science community

From: Frank Harvey, Provost and Vice-President Academic

Date: December 13, 2023

Re: **Appointment of Acting Dean, Faculty of Computer Science**

Dr. Andrew Rau-Chaplin is planning a 6-month administrative leave beginning May 15, 2024. To support Andrew in his preparation for the admin leave, we initiated the appointment process for the Acting Dean position. This is a new process for acting decanal appointments, and the call for expressions of interest elicited applications from a very strong pool of potential candidates.

I am very pleased to announce that Dr. Christian Blouin will serve as Acting Dean during Dean Rau-Chaplin's leave, from May 2024 to November 2024.

Christian has been Associate Dean (academic) since 2016. In this role, he has overseen academic program delivery, program design and renewal through unprecedented growth in the number of students, staff, and faculty. Since July 2023, he has taken on the additional role of Institutional Lead (AI Strategy). This role allows him to engage broadly with the Dalhousie community in charting the future within a rapidly changing workplace.

Dr. Blouin and Dean Rau-Chaplin will work with the Faculty in the coming days to confirm an acting Associate Dean Academic while he is serving as Acting Dean.

Sincerely,

Frank Harvey  
Provost and Vice-President Academic

*Dalhousie University is located in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq. We are all treaty people.*

*We recognize that African Nova Scotians are a distinct people whose histories, legacies and contributions have enriched that part of Mi'kma'ki known as Nova Scotia for over 400 years.*

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