

MEMORANDUM

To: The Dalhousie University community

From: Frank Harvey, Provost and Vice-President Academic

Date: Friday, May 13, 2022

Re: Appointment of Dean, Libraries

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Michael Vandenburg as Dean, Libraries for a five-year term beginning August 15, 2022.

Michael is currently the Interim Executive Director of the Ontario Council of University Libraries (OCUL), leading the consortium in providing high-quality services equitably across Ontario. Prior to joining OCUL Michael served as Interim Vice-Provost & University Librarian at Queen's University from 2019-2021, leading the library through the first year of the COVID pandemic and serving as a member of the university's senior leadership team. In his earlier positions at Queen's, Michael had responsibility for the library's information services, scholarly communications, and discovery platforms. Before arriving at Queen's in 2009, Michael worked in public and government libraries in Nova Scotia, Pennsylvania, and Ontario in roles focusing on the digital transformation of library systems and services. Michael holds both a BA and a MLIS from Dalhousie University. He has served as a board member of the McGill-Queen's University Press and is president of the Kingston Rowing Club.

As a Dal alum and spouse to a proud Bluenoser, Michael is thrilled to be returning to Nova Scotia as Dalhousie's Dean of Libraries. Please join me in welcoming him.

I would like to express my gratitude to the search committee for their excellent contributions over the course of the search process as well as members of the Libraries community for their engagement throughout the process.

In celebrating Michael's appointment, we also thank Donna Bourne-Tyson for her many years of impressive service and wish her the very best in her well-deserved retirement after her distinguished career of nearly 11 years with Dalhousie and over 30 years as a professional librarian. Donna has generously committed to staying on as dean until Michael's arrival. A more detailed memo celebrating Donna for her many contributions will be shared in the coming days.

Sincerely,

Frank Harvey
Provost and Vice-President Academic