

## MEMORANDUM

To: The Dalhousie Community

From: Wanda M. Costen, Provost and Vice-President Academic

Date: March 25, 2026

**Re: Renewal of Dean, Faculty of Science**

I am pleased to announce that **Dr. Charles (Chuck) Macdonald** has been renewed for a further five-year term as Dean of the Faculty of Science, effective July 1, 2026.

This decision follows a comprehensive decanal review process conducted in accordance with university policy. The review included broad consultation and the collection of feedback from faculty, staff, students, and members of the wider university community. After careful consideration of this input, the review committee recommended Dr. Macdonald's reappointment.

I would like to thank Chuck for his leadership and service over the past five years. He assumed the role during an exceptionally challenging period for the university and the sector more broadly, and his steady, thoughtful leadership has helped sustain the Faculty of Science through a time of significant disruption and change. During his first term, the Faculty has remained academically strong, research intensive, and deeply committed to student success.

Dr. Macdonald's renewed term will focus on advancing several key priorities for the Faculty of Science and the university. These include continuing to enhance its research capacity and graduate education, while being prepared to pursue and support growth in emerging research opportunities that align with the university's research aspirations. In addition to advancing innovative and inclusive teaching and learning, Dr. Macdonald will continue to support interdisciplinary collaboration and steward the Faculty's resources

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responsibly within a complex financial environment. Central to this work will be ongoing engagement with faculty, staff, and students, and continued alignment with Dalhousie's institutional priorities.

I am confident that Chuck's experience, commitment to the Faculty, and dedication to collaborative leadership will serve Dalhousie well in the years ahead. I look forward to working with him as he continues to lead the Faculty of Science through its next chapter.

I would also like to express my sincere thanks to the members of the Decanal Review Committee for their thoughtful, diligent, and generous service throughout the review process. Their time, care, and engagement were essential to its success.

Please join me in congratulating Dr. Macdonald on his renewal.

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