

MEMORANDUM

To: The Dalhousie University Community

From: Frank Harvey, Provost and Vice President Academic

Date: Monday, June 24, 2024

Re: **Appointment of Dean and Campus Principal, Faculty of Agriculture**

I am very pleased to announce the appointment of **Dr. Heather Bruce** as the **Dean and Campus Principal of the Faculty of Agriculture** for a five-year term beginning September 15, 2024.

Dr. Bruce comes to Dalhousie from the University of Alberta, where she is Chair of the Department of Agricultural, Food and Nutritional Science and Professor, Carcass and Meat Science. There, Dr. Bruce has taught courses on livestock growth, meat science, and communication in science, and is the Scientific Lead for Agri-Food Discovery Place, a multipurpose research facility on the university's south campus. Prior to joining the University of Alberta, Dr. Bruce was the External Research Manager at the Maple Leaf Foods Agresearch farm in Burford, Ontario, and before that was Senior Scientist and Muscle Food Quality Section Leader at CSIRO Australia. Dr. Bruce received her PhD from the University of Alberta and her MSc and BSc (Honors Agriculture) from the University of Guelph.

Heather had this to say about her appointment: "I am deeply honored and grateful to be offered this incredible opportunity and I am thrilled to join such a talented, accomplished, and dedicated team working toward shared goals."

Please join me in warmly welcoming Heather to Dalhousie.

In celebrating Heather's appointment, we also want to offer sincere thanks to Dr. Gefu Wang-Pruski for leading the Faculty and Campus as Acting Dean since October 2023. Gefu is doing an exceptional job steering the Faculty through significant challenges while establishing stronger connections between the Dean's Office and our students, facilitating consultations related to the Truro Exploration Project, building deeper ties with internal and external community members, and formalizing additional ties with our international partners.

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I would also 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 Faculty of Agriculture community for their active engagement throughout.

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.