

MEMORANDUM

To: The Dalhousie University Community

From: Frank Harvey, Provost and Vice President Academic

Date: Friday, June 14, 2024

Re: Appointment of Dean of Management

I am very pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Mike Smit as Dean of the Faculty of Management for a five-year term beginning July 1, 2024.

A valued member of the Dalhousie community and two-time Dal alumnus, Dr. Mike Smit has been acting Dean for the Faculty of Management since January 2023. He has served as the Deputy Scientific Director for the Ocean Frontier Institute, the principal for the Atlantic Regional Association of the Canadian Integrated Ocean Observing System, and recently was one of the leads in developing the Transforming Climate Action proposal that was awarded a \$154 million research grant through the very competitive Canada First Research Excellence Fund). He previously served as the Associate Dean Academic (2018-2023) and acting Associate Dean Research (2017), and from 2013-2022 he co-directed a summer program for outstanding Canadian high school students, helping to connect their passion for STEM to entrepreneurship, leadership, and social impact. His research as a Professor in the Department of Information Science examines the intersection of people, information, and technology, drawing on information management and computer science to explore how we use emerging technology (e.g., AI, Big Data, etc.) to benefit people, organizations, and society. This includes most recently novel methods for social impact assessment, novel approaches to supporting parents in managing pain for newborns, and novel systems for data and information sharing around ocean and climate. He is an award-winning interdisciplinary scholar and instructor.

Mike has played a crucial role in the leadership and strategic work to renew and realign a direction for the Faculty. He has been a champion and advocate for our Management community, inside and outside the University. I know how deeply he cares about the individuals that make up this community, and I believe he will work every day to support your continued success.

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Please join me in congratulating Mike on his appointment.

I would like to express my gratitude to the search committee for their contributions over the course of the search process in helping consider such a competitive pool of applicants, as well as members of the Faculty of Management community for their 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.