May 24, 2017

TO: Indigenous Achievement Staff
   Indigenous Student Centre
   Faculty, staff and students in Migazii Agamik
   Provost’s Council

FROM: Dr. Janice Ristock, Provost and Vice-President (Academic)

RE: Announcement: Vice-Provost (Indigenous Engagement)

I am very pleased to advise that, at its May 23, 2017 meeting, the Board of Governors approved the appointment of Dr. Lynn Lavallée as Vice-Provost (Indigenous Engagement) effective September 1, 2017 to August 31, 2022. Dr. Lavallée will also hold a tenured Associate Professor appointment in the Faculty of Kinesiology and Recreation Management.

Currently, Dr. Lavallée is an Associate Professor in the School of Social Work at Ryerson and served as the Associate Director for the School from 2012 to 2016. While serving in this role, she has led an equity, diversity and inclusion initiative and, for this, was awarded the Alan Shepard Equity Diversity and Inclusion Award. At the university-wide level, she has served as the Chair of the Research Ethics Board and been an active ambassador for the advancement of Indigenous perspectives at Ryerson. To that end, Dr. Lavallée was instrumental in the establishment of the University’s Aboriginal Education Council and was appointed the first Chair of the Provost’s Aboriginal Advisory Council. Dr. Lavallée has been an active member on Senate and the Academic Policy and Governance Committee, and served as Vice-Chair of the Scholarly Research and Creative Activities Standing Senate Committee.

Dr. Lavallée received her doctorate in social work from the University of Toronto, Master of Science in physical education and health from the University of Toronto, and a Bachelor of Arts in kinesiology and health sciences and psychology from York University. She was appointed as an Assistant Professor at Ryerson in 2005 and has sustained a career at that university since that time. She is an Anishinaabe woman registered with the Métis Nation of Ontario and is actively engaged with the community and involved in traditional cultural and spiritual ceremony.

Lynn's research and teaching interests are in the area of Indigenous health, cultural, sport and recreation programs, Indigenous epistemology, and Indigenous research methods. She widely disseminates her work through journal publications, books, book chapters, abstracts, conference proceedings, guest speaker and community engagements, and community/government reports. Her research is supported by local and national sources, including CIHR and SSHRC. She has served as a journal article editor and manuscript reviewer for several journals including, International Indigenous Policy Journal, Social Inclusion, International Journal of Indigenous Health, and First Peoples Child and Family Review, to name just a few.
Dr. Lavallée gives back to the community through engagement with several organizations, including Board of Directors' President with the Toronto Kiwanis Boys & Girls Club, past Board Member, North American Indigenous Games 2017 Host Committee, Toronto Aboriginal Support Services Council Research Advisory Circle, and Aboriginal Alumni mentor at the University of Toronto, are just a few.

Given Dr. Lavallée's demonstrated accomplishments in Indigenous academic and community leadership, her highly collaborative approach, and her achievements in teaching, research and service, I believe that the University will be well-served by her appointment as Vice-Provost (Indigenous Engagement). Please join me in extending congratulations to Lynn and to welcoming her to the University of Manitoba. I know that she can count on your support as she assumes this new role.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Provost's Advisory Committee.

cc: President's Executive Team
    Provost's Advisory Committee