April 19, 2017

TO: Provost's Council

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

RE: Recommendation on the Appointment of Dean, College of Pharmacy

I am pleased to advise you that, at its April 18, 2017 meeting, the Board of Governors approved the appointment of Dr. Lalitha Raman-Wilms as Dean, College of Pharmacy, Faculty of Health Sciences for a five year period, effective August 1, 2017.

Dr. Raman-Wilms is a graduate of the University of Toronto, where she received a bachelor of science in pharmacy, followed by a doctor of pharmacy completed in 1994. She began her career in 1984 as a clinical and research pharmacist at McMaster University Medical Centre, implementing antibiotic guidelines for the hospital. She went on to hold positions in Halifax, Thunder Bay and Toronto, working with diverse populations, with particular experience serving geriatric and Indigenous clients. Dr. Raman-Wilms has also worked overseas, volunteering for one year with the Canadian Medicine Aid Programme in India.

Currently, she serves as associate dean of education and associate professor in the Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Toronto. She has previously served as associate dean of professional programs, director of the PharmD program and director of the division of pharmacy practice. Her achievements include developing and implementing the PharmD curriculum; initiating a formal faculty development process; leading the process to update the faculty's teaching guidelines for promotion and tenure; developing effective partnerships with internal and external stakeholders; and establishing teaching innovation awards for faculty.

A former president of the Association of Faculties of Pharmacy of Canada, Dr. Raman-Wilms has produced more than 120 publications, including peer-reviewed abstracts and book chapters. She has edited four editions of the book *Guide to Drugs in Canada*, a reference source for consumers. She is a sought-after speaker and has given presentations and invited lectures in South Africa, Singapore, Hong Kong, New Zealand, Italy, India, the United States and Canada. Her research interests include de-prescribing guidelines, the pharmacist's role in flu prevention and chronic pain management.

Dr. Raman-Wilms has received many honours and distinctions. To name just a few, these include the 2012 National Award for Excellence in Education, Association of Faculties of Pharmacy of Canada; the 2006 Award for Excellence in Primary Health Care, Program and
Services from the Association of Ontario Health Centres; and the U of T’s Teacher of the Year Award, Undergraduate Pharmacy Program, which she received on six occasions.

Given Dr. Raman-Wilms’ demonstrated success as an administrative leader, her commitment to serving diverse populations, her ability to build effective partnerships, and her achievements in teaching, service, publishing, speaking and research, I am confident that the College of Pharmacy will flourish under her leadership.

Please join me in extending congratulations to her on her appointment as dean. I look forward to welcoming Dr. Raman-Wilms and to working with her to advance the interests of the College of Pharmacy, Faculty of Health Sciences and the University of Manitoba.

cc: Dr. Raman-Wilms