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TO: Provost's Council

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

RE: **Recommendation: Appointment of Dr. Karen Ragoonaden
Dean, Faculty of Education**

I am pleased to advise that, at its November 3, 2020 meeting, the Board of Governors Executive approved the appointment of Dr. Karen Ragoonaden, Dean, Faculty of Education for the period July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2026. Dr. Ragoonaden will also hold an appointment as tenured Professor in the Department of Education Administration, Foundations & Psychology.

Dr. Ragoonaden holds a doctoral degree from the University of Montreal, a Masters of Arts from the University of Manitoba, and a Bachelor of Arts and a certificate in education from St. Boniface University. Currently, Dr. Ragoonaden is a Professor and Director of the Research Centre for Mindful Engagement at the University of British Columbia (Okanagan Campus) as well as the Faculty Senior Advisor to the President of UBC (Vancouver and Okanagan). She has served as Director since 2019 and prior to this role was the Director of Professional Development Programs and the Summer Institute in Education in the Faculty of Education, UBC Okanagan campus.

Dr. Ragoonaden is active in both research and teaching. Her scholarly work has focussed on the theory and application of the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning in higher education including mindfulness and diversity education. Her research has been supported by a number of SSHRC grants, provincial grants and UBC internal funding. She has presented her work at numerous international conferences and is the founding editor of the Mindfulness in education series (Lexington Books).

Dr. Ragoonaden has received several teaching awards most notably the UBC Okanagan Golden Apple Award and the UBC Okanagan Teaching Honour Roll and was nominated for a Killam teaching award. Currently she is an active member of the Faculty of Education Indigenous Education Council and has been involved in curriculum development and innovation at the undergraduate and graduate levels.

Dr. Ragoonaden's thoughtful and exceptional leadership skills, her passion for teaching and research, her commitment and sensitivity to Indigenous initiatives and her deep commitment to equity, diversity and inclusion will well serve the faculty and the University of Manitoba. Please join me in extending congratulations to Karen on her appointment as Dean and Professor, Faculty of Education.

cc: Dr. K. Ragoonaden