April 22, 2020

TO: Faculty, Staff, and Students  
Clayton H. Riddell Faculty of Environment, Earth, and Resources

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

RE: Appointment, Dean of the Clayton H. Riddell Faculty of Environment, Earth and Resources

I am pleased to advise you that, at its April 21, 2020 meeting, the Board of Governor approved the appointment of Dr. Stephan Pflugmacher Lima as Dean of the Clayton H. Riddell Faculty of Environment, Earth, and Resources effective September 1, 2020 to August 31, 2025.

Dr. Pflugmacher Lima received a PhD in from the University of Munich. Currently, Dr. Pflugmacher Lima is a Professor of Aquatic Ecotoxicology in an Urban Environment, in the Faculty of Biological and Environmental Sciences at the University of Helsinki. He is a member of the Helsinki Institute of Sustainability and a founding member and Head of the Joint Laboratory of Applied Ecotoxicology – which is a joint initiative between the University of Helsinki and the Korean Institute of Science and Technology. Previously, he has held administrative positions at the Technical University of Berlin including Department Chair and acting Director of the Institute of Ecology.

His research investigates fundamental processes and changes in our environment due to primarily human or human-induced action; specifically cyanobacterial blooms and toxins, microplastics and their effects in our environment, pharmaceuticals and their effects in the environment, and research and planning of low impact development systems. He has disseminated his work in over 200 peer-reviewed research papers, including some book chapters. His research has been and continues to be highly supported by federal and regional ministries of China, Brazil, South Korea, Germany and Finland.

Dr. Pflugmacher Lima has been an active participant on various University committees including Academic Senate, an elected member of the Extended Academic Senate and was selected as the President of the Technical University of Berlin’s delegate to serve as the University’s representative in international visits and exchanges. He is active in promoting science and learning through various platforms including “Science Stand” – which is an event held at a city marketplace that provides opportunities for the public to interact and learn more about the impacts of research. He also served as a member of the University of Helsinki’s team that fostered connections between research and business development through the world’s leading start up event - the Slush of Science.
Externally, he is a member of several peer reviewed journal editorial boards such as Toxicon, Watershed Ecology, and the Environment, Environmental Pollution. Dr. Pflugmacher Lima also serves on the boards of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, the German Research Foundation, the Lithuanian Research Council, and an advisory board member with Cancer Research & Biotechnology in Switzerland.

Given Dr. Pflugmacher Lima’s strong leadership skills and his commitment to innovation and collaboration, I believe that the faculty will continue to excel under his leadership.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those involved in the appointment process, including members of the Presidential Advisory Committee and the many individuals who provided valuable input into this appointment.

cc: Dr. S. Pflugmacher Lima
    Presidential Advisory Committee to Appoint a Dean Clayton H. Riddell Faculty of Environment, Earth and Resources