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TO: Provost's Council

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

RE: **Recommendation: Appointment of Dr. Brian Mark
Dean, Faculty of Science**

I am pleased to advise that, at its May 19, 2021 meeting, the Board of Governors approved the appointment of Dr. Brian Mark as Dean, Faculty of Science effective July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2026. Dr. Mark will also hold an appointment as tenured Professor in the Faculty of Science.

Dr. Mark holds a doctorate degree in biochemistry from the University of Alberta, a Master's of Science from the University of Manitoba, and a Bachelor of Science from the University of Winnipeg. Currently, Dr. Mark is a full Professor and Associate Dean of Research in the Faculty of Science at the University of Manitoba. He has served as Associate Dean of Research since 2018. In this role, he has created opportunities for students and faculty members by bridging relationships with local industry and government to promote the value of science, initiated new industry/academic research partnerships, and fostered experiential learning and new career opportunities for our graduates. Dr. Mark is committed to interdisciplinary research, to creating opportunities for faculty and students, and to building the research profile of the Faculty of Science.

Dr. Mark has had a very successful academic career in conducting and leading internationally renowned university-based research and education in the life sciences; specializing in infectious and human genetic diseases. His work has been supported with more than \$18 million in research funding from a CIHR, NSERC, CFI, and other national agencies. He has taught undergraduate and graduate level courses and has directly mentored more than 50 graduate, undergraduate, and other research professionals. He is committed to program quality and has modernized and explored the creation of new programs, such as the MSc programs in Data Science and with Asper School of Business, the Business Analytics program.

Since 2020, Dr. Mark has been a member of the University of Manitoba's Smart Park Board, the UM COVID-19 Recovery Research Team, and has served on Senate and various other university committees. Externally, he has served as Acting Chair of Research Manitoba and as a member of their Research Advisory Committee, and as editorial Board member for the Canadian Journal of Microbiology.

Dr. Mark's innovative, collaborative and collegial leadership style, his commitment to advancing research, to interdisciplinarity as well as to Indigenous achievement will well serve the faculty and the University of Manitoba. Please join me in extending congratulations to Dr. Mark on his appointment as Dean, Faculty of Science.

cc: Dr. B. Mark