TO: Provost’s Council  
FROM: Dr. Diane Hiebert-Murphy, Provost and Vice-President (Academic)  
SUBJECT: Appointment: Dean, Rady Faculty of Health Sciences and Dean, Max Rady College of Medicine

July 28, 2022

I am pleased to advise that Dr. Peter Nickerson has been appointed Dean, Rady Faculty of Health Sciences and Dean, Max Rady College of Medicine for a five year term effective September 1, 2022. Dr. Nickerson will also serve as a member of the Provost’s Executive Team in the role of Vice-Provost (Health Sciences).

Dr. Nickerson is a Distinguished Professor of Internal Medicine and Immunology who is currently Vice-Dean (Research) at the Rady Faculty of Health Sciences, a position he has held since 2015. He was previously the Associate Dean (Research) at the Max Rady College of Medicine. Dr. Nickerson is a Clinical Nephrologist at the Health Sciences Centre, and a Medical Consultant at the Transplant Immunology Laboratory. He has served in various roles including as Medical Director, Transplant Manitoba, as the Flynn Family Chair in Renal Transplantation, and as Medical Advisor for Organ Transplantation for the Canadian Blood Services.

Dr. Nickerson joined the University of Manitoba in 1995. He received his Bachelor of Science degrees in Biochemistry and Medicine at the University of Manitoba. He completed his postgraduate training in Internal Medicine and Nephrology at the University of Manitoba and a postdoctoral research fellowship at Harvard Medical School.

Dr. Nickerson’s research program focuses on mechanisms underlying acute and chronic transplant rejection, non-invasive techniques for the diagnosis of renal allograft rejection, and health care system design to enhance access to transplant. A prolific researcher, Dr. Nickerson has published over 190 research papers, reports, reviews, and book chapters. He has received millions of dollars in research grants and industry sponsored clinical trials. Dr. Nickerson has received many awards including the Clinical Science Established Investigator Award from the American Society of Transplantation, the Medal for Research Excellence from the Kidney Foundation of Canada, a Life-Time Achievement Award from the Canadian Society of Transplantation, and most recently, the Dr. John Bowman Memorial Award from the Winnipeg Rh Institute Foundation in recognition of his life altering research contributions to the field of transplant immunology medicine.
Given Dr. Nickerson’s demonstrated collaborative and collegial leadership style, his strong knowledge of research, and his commitment to advancing interprofessional education, I am confident that the Rady Faculty of Health Sciences and the Max Rady College of Medicine can look forward to a very promising future 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. P. Nickerson  
    Board of Governors  
    Members, Presidential Advisory Committee