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TO: Provost's Council

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

RE: **Recommendation: Appointment of Dr. Marcia Friesen  
Dean, Price Faculty of Engineering**

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I am pleased to advise that, at its November 3, 2020 meeting, the Board of Governors Executive approved the appointment of Dr. Marcia Friesen as Dean of the Price Faculty of Engineering effective January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2025. Dr. Friesen will also hold an appointment as tenured Associate Professor in the Center of Engineering Professional Practice & Engineering, Price Faculty of Engineering.

Dr. Friesen received her undergraduate and graduate training at the University of Manitoba. She holds a doctorate in Biosystems Engineering. Currently, Dr. Friesen is an Associate Professor in the Price Faculty of Engineering's Centre for Engineering Professional Practice and Engineering Education. Since 2017, she has served as Associate Dean (Design Education), as Director of the Centre for Engineering Professional Practice & Engineering Education, and as the NSERC Chair in Design Engineering. From 2003 to 2017 she served as Director of the Internationally Educated Engineering Qualifications Program (IEEQ). As Director of the IEEQ Program Dr. Friesen successfully created a first-in-Canada program to assist internationally-educated engineers in obtaining a professional Engineering license in Manitoba. She then moved the project from being a pilot to an ongoing program.

Dr. Friesen is active in both research and teaching activities and has received more than \$2M in research funding from local and tri-council funding agencies. She serves on local and national Boards, including serving as past-president of Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba, as a member of the Canadian Engineering Memorial Foundation and as a member of the Association of Consulting Engineering Companies-Canada.

Externally, she is the Director of the Board of the Association of Consulting Engineering Companies Canada and is a member of the Sustainable Development Advisory group and Government Relations Advisory Group with the Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba and the Board Liaison with the Canadian Engineering Education Association.

Dr. Friesen's thoughtful and exceptional leadership skills, her commitment to Indigenous achievement and her a deep commitment to equity, diversity and inclusion will well serve the faculty and the University of Manitoba. Please join me in extending congratulations to Marcia on her appointment as Dean and Associate Professor, Price Faculty of Engineering.

cc: Dr. M. Friesen