

**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** The Dalhousie University community

**From:** Frank Harvey, Provost and Vice-President Academic (Acting)

**Date:** Thursday, February 18, 2021

**Re:** **Reappointment of Dr. David Anderson as Dean of Medicine**

I am very pleased to announce the reappointment of Dr. David Anderson for a second five-year term as Dean of the Faculty of Medicine.

Dr. David Anderson's first term as Dean of the Faculty of Medicine saw the development and implementation of the medical school's strategic plan focused on the pillars of education, research, and serving and engaging society. Dr. Anderson has led the faculty through several successful accreditation processes, increased distributed educational opportunities, and worked concertedly to support wellness and engagement with undergraduate and graduate students and post-doctoral fellows. He has worked with the faculty to establish research priorities and supported the development of the medical school's internationally leading research teams. He has collaborated with provincial governments and health authorities for increased education and research opportunities. Dr. Anderson has strengthened the faculty's institutional priorities to enhance diversity and foster community outreach. Under his deanship, the role of an Assistant Dean for Serving and Engaging Society (Dr. Gaynor Watson Creed) was created. He also recruited Dr. OmiSoore Dryden as the James R. Johnston Chair in Black Canadian Studies.

Going forward, Dr. Anderson will review and refresh the Faculty's strategic plan and research priorities. He will continue to foster team research and support research excellence. He has highlighted plans for continuous improvement in the areas of undergraduate and postgraduate medical education, graduate student engagement and support, and the provision of continuing professional development programs for physicians. As well, he will work to strengthen community engagement initiatives, paying specific attention to relationships with Mi'kmaq and African Nova Scotian communities. Second-term priorities also include continuing to identify and build successful collaborations and new avenues of partnership with provincial health authorities and supporting the continued growth and success of Dalhousie Medicine New Brunswick.

I want to thank David for his continued service to the Dalhousie community. Please join me in congratulating him on his reappointment.

Sincerely,

Frank Harvey  
Provost and Vice-President Academic (Acting)