

MEMORANDUM

To: The Dalhousie University community

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

Date: Friday, March 26, 2021

Re: **Reappointment of Dr. Andrew Rau-Chaplin as Dean of the Faculty of Computer Science**

I am very pleased to announce the reappointment of Dr. Andrew Rau-Chaplin as Dean of the Faculty of Computer Science for a further five-year term.

Dr. Rau-Chaplin's first term as Dean of the Faculty of Computer Science was approached with significant ambition to champion and lead growth for the Faculty and the wider digital community in Nova Scotia. Of note is the Faculty's increased capacity to educate computer scientists through growth in teaching and degree programs and the development of innovative and relevant curriculum. Another key area of success has been increased engagement between the Faculty and the innovation sector here in Nova Scotia through a significant increase in co-op opportunities for students, the increasingly impactful role of ShiftKey Labs in the local start-up community and increased partnerships with industry across the province. As well as seeing significant growth in student numbers, under Dr. Rau-Chaplin's leadership the Faculty's research capacity and reach has grown, most notably with the establishment of DeepSense, an applied research platform that has enabled the development of many successful collaborative projects between academic researchers and businesses in the ocean economy. Over the course of his first term, Dr. Rau-Chaplin has also championed several equity, diversity and inclusion initiatives such as the launch of WeAreAllCS to increase the recruitment and support of female-identifying students and has overseen growth in international student enrolment, contributing to a more diverse student population overall.

In a second term, Dr. Rau-Chaplin has identified several areas of priority to support students, faculty and staff during continued growth across the Faculty, including further development of the Faculty governance structure and increased faculty hires. Dr. Rau-Chaplin also plans to continue to develop initiatives to increase and support diversity amongst the student, staff and faculty cohort; maintain a focus on innovation, entrepreneurship and industry engagement; and to identify further areas for research collaboration and connectivity for the Faculty through the Institute for Big Data Analytics, DeepSense and evolving opportunities in the area of Digital Health.

I want to thank Andrew 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)