

MEMORANDUM

To: The Dalhousie University community

From: Frank Harvey, Provost and Vice-President Academic

Date: Thursday, March 10, 2022

Re: **Appointment of Associate Vice-President Academic**

I am pleased to announce Dr. Leslie Phillmore has been appointed Associate Vice-President Academic (AVP Academic) for a five-year term effective July 1, 2022.

Dr. Phillmore is a Professor in the Department of Psychology & Neuroscience and has been a member of the department since 2006. Dr. Phillmore was Associate Dean, Undergraduate Programs Continuity with the Faculty of Science from 2020 to 2021. In this role, she helped lead the Faculty of Science's response to the COVID-19 pandemic and contributed to university-wide academic planning through her participation on various committees and working groups. She also served as Acting Associate Dean Academic in both 2018 and again from 2019 to 2020, and as Undergraduate Program Coordinator in the Department of Psychology and Neuroscience from 2015 to 2019. Her research interests involve the neural basis of perception in songbirds including auditory discrimination, comparative behaviour and neurobiology, neural plasticity including immediate-early gene expression and neurogenesis, seasonality, and effects of local environment on brain and behaviour. She was awarded Professor of the Year in Neuroscience by the Undergraduate Neuroscience Society. Dr. Phillmore holds a BA with Honours in Psychology from Western University, and an MA in Psychology and PhD in Behavioural Neuroscience both from Queen's University.

I would like to thank Dr. Angela Siegel for her excellent work and outstanding commitment in the role of Acting AVP Academic to date. During her tenure as Acting AVP Academic, Angela has been instrumental in moving forward Pillar 1 ('Exceptional Student Experience') of Dalhousie's *Third Century Promise* and leading the work of the Academic Quality Team, the Associate Deans Academic Council and various initiatives related to Dalhousie's ongoing response to the pandemic. Angela will continue to serve as Acting AVPA until June 30, 2022.

I would also like to thank the search committee for their time and energy supporting the search for this appointment.

Please join me in welcoming Leslie to her new role at Dalhousie and in thanking for Angela for her service in this interim role.

Sincerely,

Frank Harvey
Provost and Vice-President Academic