MEMORANDUM

To: The Dalhousie University community
From: Teri Balser, Interim President
Date: July 25, 2019
Re: Appointment of Dr. Brenda Merritt as Dean, Faculty of Health

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Brenda Merritt as Dean, Faculty of Health, for a three-year term commencing August 1, 2019.

Dr. Merritt is an Associate Professor in the School of Occupational Therapy, with cross appointments in Nursing and International Development Studies. She served as the Associate Dean, Academic from 2013 to 2017 and as Acting Dean of the Faculty of Health at Dalhousie for the 2017/18 academic year. Dr. Merritt has a BS Equine Science, a BS Psychology, a MS in Occupational Therapy and a PhD in Education and Human Resource Studies, all from Colorado State University.

Dr. Merritt conducts research in interprofessional health education, curriculum design and evaluation, and the development of innovative educational strategies to cultivate professional behaviour and clinical decision-making skills. Her research portfolio also includes investigating how chronic health conditions, injury, key determinants of health, and/or environmental contexts impact a person's ability to participate in chosen and necessary daily life activities.

Dr. Merritt is recognized as an international expert in teaching and using the Assessment of Motor and Process Skills to advance occupational therapy practice and research, having taught over 60 workshops in eight different countries. Her leadership, expertise and experience are all well-suited to leading the Faculty of Health and its diverse academic community as they work to improve the well-being of individuals, families, communities and populations regionally and globally.

Please join me in congratulating Brenda on her appointment. I also want to take this opportunity to thank Dr. Cheryl Kozey for serving as Acting Dean for the past year during the extensive search process for a new Dean of Health.

Sincerely,

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