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From: Harvey Botting, Chair, Committee to Review the Office of the University Ombudsperson

Date: May 17, 2019

Subject: **Re-appointment of University Ombudsperson – Professor Emeritus Ellen Hodnett**

I am pleased to advise you that at its meeting on May 16, 2019 the Governing Council approved the re-appointment of Professor Emeritus Ellen Hodnett as University Ombudsperson, for a two-year term effective July 1, 2019 until June 30, 2021. She was first appointed by the Governing Council as University Ombudsperson for a three-year term from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2018 and was subsequently re-appointed for a one-year term ending June 30, 2019.

Professor Emeritus Hodnett is currently engaged in the transition to a new tri-campus structure of the Office, which was a recommendation of the [2017-18 Review Report](#). In addition, she and her team are focused on implementing appropriate strategies to help raise the awareness of the existence, mandate, and services of the Office of the University Ombudsperson to the University community.

Professor Emeritus Hodnett continues to be held in high regard in the University community. She has a well-earned reputation for being principled, fair and deeply committed to the values of the University. These attributes are essential to the role of University Ombudsperson.

On behalf of the University community, I would like to thank Professor Emeritus Hodnett for her service to date and for her willingness to continue to serve in this vital role. I would also like to thank the members of the Advisory Committee for their contributions to this important process.

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