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DATE: June 27, 2024

## RE: Reappointment of Professor Emeritus Bruce Kidd as University Ombudsperson

I am pleased to advise that at its meeting on June 27, 2024, the Governing Council approved the reappointment of Professor Emeritus Bruce Kidd as University Ombudsperson for a oneyear term effective July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025, or until his successor is appointed by the Governing Council and takes office. In addition, the Governing Council approved in principle the *Report of the Committee to Review the Office of the University Ombudsperson* (2023-24).

Professor Emeritus Kidd's tenure as the Ombudsperson has been marked by his commitment to a principled and fair approach in engaging with the University community and his deep and extensive knowledge of our institution. His career with the University, his scholarly activities, his administrative and governance experience, and his advocacy for equity, diversity, inclusion and universal accessibility have all contributed to his leadership in this role.

The Review Committee found that the Office continues to be a responsive and highly regarded resource for members of the University community. A full list of the recommendations of the Review Committee can be found in the <u>Report</u>.

I am grateful for his willingness to extend his service and look forward to his continued contributions to further enhancing the visibility and impact of the Office of the University Ombudsperson. Please join me in congratulating Professor Emeritus Kidd on his reappointment and in expressing our collective appreciation for his ongoing service to our University.

Finally, I would like to thank the members of the Review Committee for their thoughtful engagement in this important process.