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**TO:** Provost's Council

**FROM:** Dr. Diane Hiebert-Murphy, Provost and Vice-President (Academic)

**RE: Appointment – Dr. Sean McKenna, Acting Dean, Faculty of Science**

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I am pleased to announce that Dr. Sean McKenna has been appointed Acting Dean, Faculty of Science for the period of July 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026 during Dr. Brian Mark's administrative leave. Dr. McKenna will retain his appointment as Professor in the Department of Chemistry.

Dr. McKenna has been a member of the Department of Chemistry since 2008. He received his B.Sc. in Biochemistry from Queen's University and his Ph.D. in Biochemistry from the University of Alberta, where he studied structural aspects of the protein ubiquitination machinery. He completed his postdoctoral training at Stanford University in the Department of Structural Biology investigating RNA-protein complexes in viral infection.

Dr. McKenna has served as Associate Dean (Programs) in the Faculty of Science since 2021. In this role, he has played a key role in supporting the development and enhancement of both undergraduate and graduate programs.

I would like to thank Dr. McKenna for his willingness to serve as Acting Dean. I believe that Dr. McKenna's leadership experience, strong academic record, and collaborative approach will serve the Faculty well.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank those who responded to my request for input on this appointment.

cc: Dr. S McKenna  
Dr. B Mark  
Provost's Council  
Board of Governors