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**TO:** Provost's Council

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

**RE: Re-Appointment of Dr. Allison Abra, St. John's College**

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I am pleased to announce the reappointment of Dr. Allison Abra as Warden and Vice-Chancellor of St John's College for a five-year term from July 26, 2026 to July 25, 2031.

During her term, Dr. Abra has demonstrated strong and collaborative leadership, advancing a number of key priorities that enhance the College's contribution to the University community. Notably, she led the development of a unit-level strategic plan and Reconciliation framework to guide the College's future direction in alignment with university priorities.

As Warden and Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Abra has demonstrated a strong commitment to student success, enhancing the student experience through expanded programming, and increased scholarship supports. She has further strengthened supports for Indigenous students through targeted initiatives and expanded partnerships aligned with UM's Reconciliation framework. During her first term, the number of UM students choosing to affiliate with St. John's College nearly doubled.

Dr. Abra advanced critical capital infrastructure projects while fostering strong community and alumni engagement contributing to ongoing relationship-building both locally and internationally.

I look forward to continuing to work with Dr. Abra and invite you to join me in congratulating her on her re-appointment.

cc: Dr. A. Abra  
Provost's Council  
Board of Governors