

May 14, 2026

To: Faculty, Staff, and Students, Clayton H. Riddell Faculty of Environment, Earth, and Resources

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

Re: **Appointment: Dean, Clayton H. Riddell Faculty of Environment, Earth, and Resources**

I am pleased to announce that on behalf of the Board of Governors the President has approved the appointment of Dr. Annemieke Farenhorst to the position of Dean, Clayton H. Riddell Faculty of Environment, Earth, and Resources for the period from September 1, 2026 to August 31, 2031. Dr. Farenhorst will retain her appointment as a tenured Professor in the Department of Soil Science, Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences.

Dr. Farenhorst currently serves as the Associate Vice-President (Research) and is a Professor in Soil Science in the Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences at the University of Manitoba. She completed her Doctorandus in Physical Geography and Soil Science at the University of Amsterdam, followed by a Ph.D. in Geography from the University of Toronto. She joined the University of Manitoba in 1997 and, in 2003, became the first woman in the Department of Soil Science to earn tenure.

Across her career, Dr. Farenhorst and collaborators have secured approximately \$31 million in research funding. Among the many highlights of her career, Dr. Farenhorst led the development of the Indicator of Water Contamination by Pesticides. This science-based model remains a key national tool for tracking long-term trends and guiding policy and monitoring programs in Canada. Since 2011, she has worked with First Nations communities to assess drinking water quality in homes on reserve. This work highlights practical solutions for improving drinking water distribution systems and informs national conversations on water security. Recently, Dr. Farenhorst served as President of Division VI, Chemistry and the Environment, within the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry, helping to shape global standards in environmental chemistry. She has received the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry Appreciation of Service Award and the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal, and has been recognized as one of Canada's Top 100 Most Powerful Women by the Women's Executive Network.

I am confident that Dr. Farenhorst's commitment to collaborative and collegial leadership, student experience, Indigenous achievement, EDIA, and research will well serve the Clayton H. Riddell Faculty of Environment, Earth, and Resources and the University of Manitoba. Please join me in extending congratulations to Dr. Farenhorst on her appointment.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those involved in the appointment process, including members of the Presidential Advisory Committee and the many individuals who attended the public presentations, participated in meetings, and provided valuable input into this appointment.

cc: Dr. A. Farenhorst
Members, Presidential Advisory Committee
Provost's Council