

MEMORANDUM

To: Ivey Business School (faculty, staff, students); President's Leadership Team; Senate; Campus Council; USC and SOGS Executive; Affiliated University College Presidents

From: Florentine Strzelczyk, Provost & Vice-President (Academic)

Date: April 7, 2026

Re: Leadership Update: Acting Dean, Ivey Business School

Julian Birkinshaw, Dean of Ivey Business School has informed senior leadership and the Western community that he will be on medical leave beginning April 8, 2026.

I am writing to inform you that President Alan Shepard has approved the appointment of Dr. Nicole Haggerty as Acting Dean of the Ivey Business School effective April 8, 2026.

Currently Associate Dean Faculty at Ivey Business School, Dr. Haggerty is an Associate Professor in Digital Innovations and Systems at Ivey and a leader in case-based education

Dr. Haggerty will serve in this interim role until September 30, 2026, or until Dean Julian Birkinshaw returns from leave, whichever occurs first.

Please join me in thanking Dr. Haggerty for her service and in offering her your full support in the months ahead.

On behalf of the university community, I extend our best wishes to Dean Birkinshaw during his leave.