

MEMORANDUM

To: Vice-Provost, Academic Planning, Policy & Faculty Selection Committee;
Senate; President's Leadership Team; UWOFA Executive; USC Executive;
SOGS Executive; Affiliated University College Principals

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

Date: May 27, 2025

Re: **Leadership reappointment: Vice-Provost, Academic Planning, Policy & Faculty**

I am pleased to announce that **Margaret McGlynn** has been reappointed as Vice-Provost (Academic Planning, Policy & Faculty) for a six-year term, effective July 1, 2025. Margaret first assumed the role in 2020 and has since provided exceptional leadership in areas critical to Western's academic mission.

In this role, Margaret has advanced academic planning, developed and implemented academic operational policy, and strengthened faculty relations through her collaborative work with Western's Faculties and Western Libraries. Margaret has led and contributed to a number of high-profile institutional projects. These include Western's bargaining with UWOFA and UWOFA-LA, the successful development and conclusion of the affiliation agreement with London hospitals, and the integration of Brescia University College faculty and librarians into the broader Western academic community.

Margaret brings to this role a deep understanding of academic governance, policy, and institutional process, grounded in a long-standing commitment to collegiality and academic excellence. Margaret has led the negotiation and implementation of agreements with both unionized and non-unionized academic staff—areas where her strategic thinking, clarity and attention to detail have been particularly impactful. She has supported the Office of Indigenous Initiatives and contributed to ongoing institutional work focused on the development of processes that support the affirmation of Indigenous identity. An area of growing national attention and importance, this work reflects Western's ongoing commitment to equity, accountability and reconciliation.

Margaret is a Professor in the Department of History in the Faculty of Social Science, where her research focuses on the intersection of church and law in late medieval and early Tudor England. Since joining Western in 2004, she has served in a number of academic leadership roles, including Assistant Dean (Graduate), and Associate Dean (Faculty and Operations) in the Faculty

of Social Science, Acting Associate Vice-Provost in the School of Graduate & Postdoctoral Studies, as well as Undergraduate Chair and Acting Chair in the Department of History.

On behalf of Western, I want to thank the members of the review committee for their thoughtful and thorough work during the review process: **Penny Pexman**, Vice-President (Research), **Donna Kotsopoulos** (Dean, Faculty of Education), **Sophie Roland** (Professor, Faculty of Music), **Walter Rushlow** (Acting Associate Dean, Basic Medical Sciences Undergraduate Education (BMSUE), Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry), and **Rachel Heydon** (Professor, Faculty of Education).

Please join me in congratulating Margaret on her reappointment and in recognizing her leadership and commitment to Western.

Sincerely,

Florentine Strzelczyk
Provost & Vice-President (Academic)
Western University