

MEMORANDUM

To: Faculty of Information & Media Studies (FIMS), President's Leadership Team, Senate, Campus Council, SOGS and USC Executive, Affiliate University College Presidents

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

Date: Thursday, June 18, 2026

Re: **Leadership Appointment: Acting Dean, Faculty of Information & Media Studies**

I am pleased to share that President Alan Shepard has approved the extension of Susan M. Knabe as Acting Dean of the Faculty of Information & Media Studies (FIMS) for an additional one-year term, effective July 1, 2026, until June 30, 2027.

Over the past year, Susan has provided thoughtful and steady leadership to the Faculty, advancing key academic priorities, supporting faculty, staff and students, and helping position FIMS for continued success. I am grateful for her willingness to continue serving in this important leadership role.

The search for the next Dean of FIMS is also underway. The Review and Selection Committee has commenced its work. The extension of Susan's appointment as Acting Dean will provide continuity and stability for FIMS while the search process proceeds, allowing a thorough and thoughtful review of candidates.

Please join me in thanking Susan for her continued leadership and service to FIMS and the University.