

MEMORANDUM

To: President's Leadership Team; Senate; Campus Council; USC and SOGS Executive; Affiliated University College Presidents

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

Date: June 19, 2026

Re: Leadership appointment: Associate Vice-Provost (Academic Planning, Policy & Faculty)

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Professor Geoff Wild as Associate Vice-Provost (Academic Planning, Policy and Faculty), effective July 1, 2026, for a five-year term.

Geoff currently serves as Associate Dean (Infrastructure) in the Faculty of Science and brings extensive academic and administrative leadership experience to this role. Over the course of his career at Western, he has served as Undergraduate Chair and Graduate Chair in the Department of Applied Mathematics, Department Chair of Applied Mathematics, and Undergraduate Chair in the Department of Mathematics. He subsequently served as Acting Associate Dean (Faculty Relations and Infrastructure)

In addition to his Faculty leadership roles, Geoff has contributed broadly to the University through his service on Senate and Senate committees, multiple decanal search and review committees, and as a Canada Research Chairs equity representative. Throughout these roles, Geoff has demonstrated a thoughtful and collaborative approach to academic leadership, a strong commitment to collegial governance, and a deep understanding of academic planning and faculty matters. He has also shown a longstanding commitment to equity, diversity, inclusion, decolonization, and accessibility, helping to advance initiatives that strengthen Western's academic community.

An accomplished scholar, Geoff is a theoretical evolutionary biologist whose research uses mathematics to understand the adaptive significance of social behaviour. His work has been supported by the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) and was recognized with the 2014 Early Career Research Prize from the Canadian Applied and Industrial Mathematics Society.

I would also like to thank **Ken Coley**, Dean, Faculty of Engineering, **Geoffrey Little**, Vice-Provost and Chief Librarian, and **Connie Zrini**, Associate Director, Faculty Relations, for serving on the selection committee. I greatly appreciated their insights, collegiality and thoughtful contributions throughout the process.

Please join me in congratulating Geoff on his appointment and wishing him success in his new role.