

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: Deputy Provost

I am pleased to share that President Alan Shepard has approved the appointment of Professor Jeffrey Hutter as Deputy Provost, effective July 1, 2026, for a five-year term. Professor Hutter has served as Acting Deputy Provost since January 1, 2025. During this time, he has provided leadership across key academic and administrative priorities and advanced several strategic initiatives that support Western's academic mission and future growth.

A Professor in the Department of Physics & Astronomy in the Faculty of Science, Jeffrey brings more than 25 years of experience at Western and extensive leadership experience. Prior to assuming the Acting Deputy Provost role, he served as Acting Dean of the Faculty of Science from 2023 to 2024 and held the position of Associate Dean (Academic) in the Faculty of Science for two five-year terms between 2012 and 2023. He also served as Acting Vice-Provost (Academic Programs) in 2020 and again in 2022 and previously as Undergraduate Chair in the Department of Physics & Astronomy. Through these appointments, Jeffrey has developed a deep understanding of the University's academic enterprise and built strong relationships across the institution.

Over the past eighteen months, Jeffrey has played a central role in advancing several important institutional priorities. He helped lead the development and implementation of Western International College, strengthening Western's international enrolment strategy and expanding opportunities to engage students from around the world. Jeffrey has also helped expand Western's global engagement through partnerships in East Africa and has supported efforts to position Western as a leader in aviation education and research through the development of a growing aviation ecosystem in London and Southwestern Ontario.

I would like to acknowledge and thank the members of the Deputy Provost Selection Committee for their thoughtful contributions and collaborative efforts throughout the search process: **Aliya Jokhu**, student representative; **Andrew Johnson**, Associate Dean (Undergraduate Programs), Faculty of Health Sciences; **Bryan Neff**, Associate Vice-President (Research); **Katie Big-Canoe**, Indigenous Research Specialist; **Lars Rehmann**, Associate Dean, Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, Faculty of Engineering; **Stephanie Hayne Beatty**, Acting Vice-Provost (Students); and **Susan Knabe**, Acting Dean, Faculty of Information & Media Studies.

Please join me in congratulating Jeffrey on his appointment as Deputy Provost and thanking him for his continued service and leadership to Western University.