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**Date:** November 6, 2013

**To:** Deans, Chairs, and Directors

**From:** Martin Ferguson-Pell, Acting Provost and Vice-President (Academic)  
Phyllis Clark, Vice-President (Finance and Administration)

**Re:** (Acting) Vice-Provost and Associate Vice-President (Information Technology)

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We are delighted to announce the appointment of Dr. Mike MacGregor as (Acting) Vice-Provost and Associate Vice-President (Information Technology), effective January 1, 2014 – December 31, 2014. Mike will be acting in this position while Dr. Duane Szafron is on a sabbatical leave that has been planned since his original appointment.

Mike is currently a Professor in the Department of Computing Science and was Chair of the Department from 2008 to 2013. His research interests are interdisciplinary in nature, and focus on the design of wireless sensor networks for environmental monitoring. That research is carried out through the Centre for Earth Observation Sciences (CEOS). Prior to joining the CS Department as an Associate Professor in 1999, he was architect for the TELUS PLANet internet service. Prior to TELUS, he was a member of the Networks & Systems team at TRILabs that revolutionized the ideas and methods used to ensure the survivability and availability of modern high-capacity optical networks. He was awarded the Faculty of Science Innovation in Teaching Award in 2005, and the CS Department's Teaching Award in 2007. Mike is a Senior Member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers, and a member of the Association for Computing Machinery, the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Alberta, and the Institute of Electronics, Information and Communications Engineers.

As (Acting) Vice-Provost and Associate Vice-President (Information Technology), Mike will lead the continued development, evolution and implementation of a long-range information and communications technology (ICT) plan for the University. Mike will be working closely with Duane and the rest of the VPIT staff starting in mid-November to ensure a smooth transition. Mike is committed to the vision and plan for consolidating information services and improving information governance at the University of Alberta. He is looking forward to building on the solid foundation and momentum that has begun over the past few years and will work closely with the two major support units that report to this role: Academic Information and Communications Technology (AICT) and Administrative Information Systems (AIS).

We thank Mike for agreeing to accept this challenge and wish Duane much success during his sabbatical year.

Martin Ferguson-Pell

Phyllis Clark

c Dr. Duane Szafron, Vice-Provost and Associate Vice-President (Information Technology)  
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