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**Announcement of Appointment of Dean, Faculty of Science**

We are pleased to inform members of the Faculty of Science and the York community that the search for Dean of the Faculty of Science has reached a successful conclusion.

In 2018 we established a search committee, comprised of members of the Faculty of Science (faculty, staff, and students), one member appointed by the President, and chaired by Professor Lyndon Martin, Dean of the Faculty of Education.

Following an extensive national and international search which attracted outstanding candidates, the search committee recommended the appointment of Dr. Rui Wang to the position. On June 4, 2019, the Executive Committee of the Board of Governors concurred with the Committee's recommendation. We are very pleased to announce that Dr. Wang has accepted our invitation to take up a five-year term appointment, commencing January 1, 2020.

This is an important time in the development of the Faculty of Science as it builds on its substantial teaching and research successes, evolves to encompass new areas such as neuroscience, and continues to advance its reputation and profile nationally and internationally.

Dr. Wang joined York University in August of 2018 as Deputy Provost, Markham and Professor of Biology in the Faculty of Science. Since that time, he has been working with colleagues from across the University, local industry, and the municipal government on the planning for a Markham campus, including programming, enrolments, resources, and physical space. Since May 1, 2019, he has also been serving as Interim Vice-President Research & Innovation.

Prior to his appointment at York, he held appointments as Vice-President Research at Laurentian University (2015-2018) and Vice-President of Research, Economic Development and Innovation at Lakehead University (2004-2015). At both Laurentian and Lakehead, he initiated strategic research plans, introduced policies and initiatives to expand research activity, and promoted collaborations with the community, industry, and local, provincial, and federal governments. He also contributed to the establishment of the Centre for Academic Excellence, Laurentian's teaching and learning centre. A champion of diversity and equity throughout his career, he has promoted Indigenous teaching and research, and in 2017 was instrumental in supporting the establishment of the Maamwizing Indigenous Research Institute at Laurentian.



Dr. Wang holds a PhD in Physiology from the University of Alberta, as well as an MSc (F.M. Medical University, Xi'an, China) and an MD (Weifang Medical College, Shandong, China). He is an internationally respected scholar and leader in the study of the biomedical importance of hydrogen sulfide. He has held research grants from all three granting Councils, is the editor of three books and the author of over 20 book chapters and 270 peer-reviewed articles in leading journals and has delivered more than 160 lectures and keynotes world-wide. He has also trained over 120 graduate students, post-doctoral fellows, and other research personnel.

We look forward to working with Dr. Wang in this new capacity in the coming years, and we invite all members of the Faculty to join me in congratulating him and wishing him well as he undertakes this important leadership role.

We would like to express our appreciation to Professor EJ Janse van Rensburg for the strong leadership he has provided to the Faculty of Science as its Interim Dean.

Finally, we would like to thank the members of the Search Committee for their contributions to this important process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rhonda L. Lenton'.

Rhonda L. Lenton  
President and Vice-Chancellor

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