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**Announcement of Appointment of
Interim Dean, Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies**

We are pleased to inform members of the Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies and the York community that Professor John Justin (J.J.) McMurtry has agreed to serve as Interim Dean of LA&PS, effective October 1, 2018, as Dean Ananya Mukherjee-Reed leaves York to take up a position at the University of British Columbia's Okanagan campus.

On July 23, 2018, the Board of Governors Executive Committee, on behalf of the Board of Governors, concurred with the recommendation of this appointment.

Professor McMurtry has been a member of the York University community since 1997 and he is an Associate Professor in the Department of Social Science and a member of the Faculty's Business and Society (BUSO) program. He has a long record of service to the University ranging from the Executives of both CUPE 3903 and YUFA, to Department Chair of Social Science from 2014 to 2015; Graduate Program Director of Social and Political Thought from 2012 to 2015; and Coordinator of BUSO from 2007 to 2010. Since 2016, he has served as the Faculty's Associate Dean Programs. As Associate Dean he has had responsibility for curriculum and programs, student recruitment and enrolment management, and has been the Faculty lead on the Markham campus.

Professor McMurtry holds MA and PhD degrees in Social and Political Thought from York University. His research and teaching interests focus on the theory and practice of alternative social, political, and economic forms. His publications include 23 solo and co-authored articles and book chapters; and he is editor of the books *Living Economics: Canadian Perspectives on the Social Economy, Co-operatives and Community Economic Development* and *Co-operatives in a Global Economy*. In addition, he was English Language Editor of *The Canadian Journal of Non-Profit and Social Economy Research* from 2015 to 2018 and has been involved in multiple SSHRC grants including as Principle Investigator on *People, Power, Planet: Best Practices and Knowledge Mobilization in Community Energy Development*.

We very much appreciate Professor McMurtry's willingness to undertake this important leadership responsibility at a key point for the Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies, and we look forward to working with him in the coming year.

Sincerely,



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