The Office of the Provost and Vice-Principal (Academic) is initiating an internal search for the next Vice-Provost (Teaching and Learning) (VPTL). As planned, John Pierce will end his term as VPTL on July 1, 2021.

I wish to thank John for his invaluable work over the last several months. His measured guidance, institutional knowledge, and consultative approach to leadership have been tremendous assets to Queen’s. I am especially thankful for his tireless work in helping the university navigate the many complexities that arose throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. His leadership was crucial in supporting the university’s transition to remote learning and ensuring students could continue with their studies.

Looking ahead, I will chair an advisory committee that will provide guidance on the future direction of the Teaching and Learning portfolio and on the selection of the next VPTL.

Reporting to the Provost, and as a key member of senior administration, the VPTL’s core work is to enhance the quality of the student learning experience. Through this work, the VPTL advances Queen’s goal that all students graduate with deep disciplinary knowledge and transferable skills that can apply to various of career options.

The VPTL is accountable for overseeing the Centre for Teaching and Learning, the Queen’s University Quality Assurance Processes (QUQAP), and the university’s Academic Integrity policies and practices. The VPTL also works to advance equity, diversity, inclusion, and Indigeneity in all aspects of the student learning experience. As a member of the Provost’s Office senior team, the VPTL represents the office on committees and leads projects that advance the priorities of the portfolio. The VPTL also builds effective working relationships with internal and external stakeholders.

Members of the university community are invited to submit commentary on the present state and future prospects of the Teaching and Learning portfolio, and on specific qualities or skill sets that they believe are vital to the role of Vice-Provost (Teaching and Learning) at Queen’s.

Please send all feedback to the Office of the Provost, via e-mail, to provost@queensu.ca by March 16.

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