



MEMORANDUM

September 23, 2014

To: All members of UBC community – faculty staff and students (via Heads-up distribution list)

From: David H. Farrar  
Provost and Vice-President Academic

**Re: Consideration of the Extension of Appointment - Dr. Gavin Stuart, Vice-Provost Health**

Dr. Gavin Stuart is both the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine and the Vice-Provost Health at UBC. He has served for two terms as Dean of the Faculty of Medicine and, per Board Policy 21, is not eligible to serve a third term as Dean. I am grateful to Dr. Stuart for his tremendous leadership as the Dean since 2003, leading the Faculty during a time of unprecedented and challenging expansion. I have recently launched a process to appoint a new Dean.

I am delighted that Dr. Stuart has agreed to be considered for reappointment as Vice-Provost Health for a second term. I have previously determined to separate the role of Dean, Faculty of Medicine and that of the Vice-Provost Health. This step will allow UBC to build upon the recent creation of “UBC Health” to advance a better integrated platform for research and professional education in health and life sciences. Furthermore, the Office of the Vice-Provost Health would be expected to have a leading role in the Provincial discourse about an Academic Health Sciences Centre/Network in BC. Having the Vice-Provost Health solely focused on the interaction and intersection of the academic mission of the university with that of the government’s health-related Ministries will allow UBC to excel in its mandate to promote UBC’s excellence in health education, research and clinical services by integrating these across academic health units within UBC.

UBC’s Board Policy 24 “Extension of Appointments for Designated Senior Academic Administrators” governs this extension of appointment. It is anticipated that a President’s Advisory Committee (PAC) to consider the extension of appointment will be established this fall. I intend to have the PAC undertake extensive consultation across the university and, more specifically, in the health-related Faculties as it considers Dr. Stuart’s reappointment. I will consult broadly with those members of the University community with whom Dr. Stuart interacts. As the position is a Board appointment, I will make a recommendation to the President who, in turn, will take that recommendation to the Board of Governors for approval.

I shall endeavor to keep you updated on this process and will provide written updates to the community as the process moves ahead. In the meantime, if you have any questions about the extension of appointment, please feel free to contact me through Pamela Moffett (pamela.moffett@ubc.ca).