

To: All UBC students, faculty and staff

A search committee has been established to make a recommendation to the Board of Governors concerning the possible reappointment of Dr. David Farrar, Provost and Vice-President Academic.

The Provost, responsible to the President, provides strategic leadership to the academic portfolio to accomplish the vision, commitments, goals, and actions as set out in Place and Promise: The UBC Plan.

The Provost provides oversight for a highly complex portfolio focusing on the academic plan at the Vancouver campus and its relationship with the Okanagan campus.

As per Board Policy 24 – Extension of Appointments for Designated Senior Academic Administrators, regarding the reappointment of the Provost, the following have been appointed or elected to the Committee:

- Stephen Toope, Chair
- Maureen Howe [Board of Governors]
- Richard Johnston [Board of Governors]
- Sean Heisler [Senate]
- Darrin Lehman [Senate]
- Louise Nasmith [Senate]
- Anna Kindler [Direct Report]
- Andrew Patterson [Student]
- Patricia Stevens, Secretary

The Committee is entering into a consultative process to define the main challenges of the portfolio, and in that context, to identify the main needs of the portfolio over the next five years. Following the deliberations of the Committee, I will make a recommendation to the Board of Governors concerning the possible reappointment of Dr. Farrar.

Please write or email the Committee in confidence through Patricia Stevens, Office of the President at 604-822-0663 or [patricia.stevens@ubc.ca](mailto:patricia.stevens@ubc.ca) if you would like to make a written submission to the Committee. Submissions should be made no later than February 10, 2012.

I strongly encourage you to participate in this important reappointment process.  
Sincerely yours,

Stephen J. Toope  
President and Vice-Chancellor