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Message from the President – Reappointment Notice for the Deans of Schulich and the Faculty of Education

I am pleased to announce the reappointment of two longstanding deans at York University, Dezsö J. Horváth and Alice Pitt, to lead the Schulich School of Business for a three-year term, and the Faculty of Education for a five-year term respectively. The reappointments for the new terms were approved by the executive committee of the Board of Governors on Monday, and will take effect July 1, 2013.

Dean Horváth has led the Schulich School of Business since 1988, making his tenure one of the longest at any business school in the world. He first came to Schulich in 1976 as a visiting professor, after teaching at the University of Umeå, Sweden, where he had completed his MBA and PhD in management. An associate professor at York in 1977, he became a full professor in 1981, and currently holds the Tanna H. Schulich Chair in Strategic Management.

In 2004, he was named Dean of the Year by the Academy of International Business, and in 2008, he was made a Member of the Order of Canada for his academic leadership and sustained commitment to business education.

Dean Pitt is an educational theorist and has been a member of the Faculty of Education since 1995. She became a full professor in 2009. She was Associate Dean, Pre-Service in the Faculty of Education from 2002-2007 where she led curriculum renewal efforts including the design of experiential components that involved the expansion of partnerships with schools and community organizations.

Dean Pitt holds a PhD in education from the University of Toronto, with specializations in curriculum theory, critical/feminist pedagogy, and cultural studies in education. She has published widely in these fields, as well as in the area of teacher education.

Please join me in congratulating both Dezsö and Alice in their roles.

Sincerely,

Mamdouh Shoukri
President and Vice-Chancellor