

## OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT & PROVOST

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To: PDAD&C

From: Cheryl Misak, Vice-President and Provost

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Re: Establishment of the Dalla Lana School of Public Health as a Faculty of the University

of Toronto and Appointment of Professor Howard Hu as Dean

Cc: President David Naylor

The Bulletin

I am delighted to announce that at its meeting yesterday, the Governing Council of the University of Toronto approved the establishment of the Dalla Lana School of Public Health as a Faculty as of July 1, 2013. It has been more than 15 years since the creation of a new Faculty at the University of Toronto, making this a truly historic occasion for the University.

The Dalla Lana School of Public Health is a global leader in public health education, research and service. It offers doctoral and masters programs across seven areas of study to nearly 400 students, and trains the next generation of educators, scientists and practitioners who will advance public health in Canada and around the world. The School's new status as a Faculty will enhance its ability to compete for the best faculty, students, and research funding, as well as enable it to reach its full potential in addressing the complex challenges facing the health of populations locally and globally in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Professor Hu has served as Director of the Dalla Lana School of Public Health since July 2012, and his position now becomes that of Dean. Professor Hu is a physician, board-certified in internal medicine and occupational/environmental medicine, who also holds a doctoral degree in epidemiology. Prior to joining the University of Toronto, he held positions at the University of Michigan Schools of Public Health & Medicine and the Harvard School of Public Health.

Please join me in congratulating the faculty, staff, and students of the Dalla Lana School of Public Health on this important milestone, and in welcoming Professor Howard Hu to his role as Dean of the new Faculty.