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To: Deans, Chairs, and Directors  
Faculty, Staff, and Students of the School of Public Health

From: Martin Ferguson-Pell, Ph.D.  
Acting Provost and Vice President (Academic)

Re: Announcement – Appointment of the Dean, Faculty of Public Health

It is my pleasure to announce the appointment of Dr. Kue Young as Dean, School of Public Health, for a five-year term, effective August 1, 2013. Dr. Young will leave his post as Professor and TransCanada Chair in Aboriginal Health at the Dalla Lana School of Public Health, Faculty of Medicine, of the University of Toronto.

Dr. Young is a graduate of McGill University, B.Sc., M.D., C.M., of the University of Toronto, M.Sc. in Community Health, and of the University of Oxford, D.Phil. in biological anthropology. He is also a certified specialist in community medicine of the Royal College of Physicians of Canada. An international expert in northern and Aboriginal health, Dr. Young's career is dual in nature. He began with the practice of family medicine in rural hospitals and remote Aboriginal communities, and moved into academic research and service in northern and Aboriginal health. His academic and leadership roles include Medical Director of the Sioux Lookout Zone, Medical Service Branch of Health and Welfare Canada; a track to full Professor and founding Director, of the Northern Health Research Unit and Head of the Department of Community Health Sciences, Faculty of Medicine, of the University of Manitoba; Acting Department Head, Public Health Sciences (now the Dalla Lana School of Public Health) Faculty of Medicine, of the University of Toronto, and many others in national and international affiliations.

Dr. Young's major research interest is in the area of northern and Aboriginal health, particularly in the epidemiology of chronic diseases such as diabetes and cardiovascular diseases. He has published over 120 scientific articles and seven books. His awards include National Health Research Scholar, Rh Award of the University of Manitoba, Senior Investigator of the Canadian Institutes of Health Research, Fellow of the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences, and Member of the Order of Canada.

Pointing to the Faculty's recent achievement of accreditation, Dr. Young cites the strength of the Faculty in its members, who contribute to a broad and multi-faceted outreach that touches every facet of life. He considers the University of Alberta, School of Public Health to be in the forefront of public health in Canada and is excited at the prospect of being a part of it. His leadership style is collegial and positive, he values listening and recognition of achievement. He credits Interim Dean Lory Laing with leading the Faculty through an important time in the history of the Faculty and sees the School as ready to jettison to the next level of leadership.

I wish to take this opportunity to offer my thanks and appreciation to Interim Dean, Dr. Lory Laing for her outstanding leadership, not only for the School of Public Health, but also as Chair of the Health Sciences Council.

I would also like to thank the members of the Dean Selection Committee for their dedication and commitment and to thank all who participated in the selection process by way of advice and assistance.

Martin Ferguson-Pell