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TO: Members of the PACE Community

FROM: Dr. Robert L. Baker, Dean, Faculty of Science



SUBJECT: Announcement of Director of the McMaster Physical Activity Centre of Excellence (PACE)

I am happy to announce that **Dr. Stuart M. Phillips** has been appointed Director of the McMaster Physical Activity Centre of Excellence (PACE) for the period January 1, 2016 to June 30, 2021. Dr. Phillips is a Professor in the Department of Kinesiology, and currently the Director of the McMaster Centre for Nutrition, Exercise, and Health Research (McNEHR). His research program focuses on exercise and protein metabolism. Dr. Phillips replaces Dr. Maureen MacDonald who has resigned after being appointed as the inaugural Director of the School of Interdisciplinary Science—we thank her for her service to the Centre.

The appointment came after consultation in the form of an *ad hoc* selection committee comprised of the Dean as Chair, and five members of the Centre, including four faculty members from all ranks and one staff member.

Housed in the Ivor Wynne Centre and led by a team from the Department of Kinesiology, Faculty of Science, the Centre's objective is to be the preeminent Canadian site for excellence and leadership in research, education, evidence-based practice, community engagement, and knowledge translation, regarding the use of physical activity to improve health and well-being. PACE activities will focus particularly on individuals with chronic disease and disability. The Centre's activities align with the three priority areas articulated in *Forward with Integrity*: (1) Research, (2) Education and Training, and (3) Community Engagement, as well as a fourth important area of Knowledge Translation. The Centre was approved by the University Senate and Board of Governors in June 2013.

We welcome Dr. Phillips' contributions to this important initiative and believe that the Centre's objectives will be further advanced under his leadership.