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MEMORANDUM

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To the Memorial University Community,

We are excited for you to begin to meet the finalists for the Dean, Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science position. Starting next Tuesday, you will have the opportunity to meet the finalists where they will make a 30-minute public presentation, followed by a question-and-answer session. Please find the finalists complete bio's below.

You can register here to view candidate information and find the Webex links for the presentations in Brightspace.

We encourage all those who have participated in the presentations to provide feedback to our search consultants, KBRS. To share your feedback, please fill out the community feedback form before Monday, November 30.

As a reminder, here is the schedule for all upcoming presentations. We will share more details for each candidate in the days leading up to their presentation.

Candidate	Date & Time	Location
Candidate A Dr. Claude D'Amours	November 24, 2026 9:00 AM	EN4002
Candidate B Dr. Rouzbeh Abbassi	November 25, 2026 9:00 AM	EN4002

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to reach out Dr. Jennifer Massey (jmassey@kbrs.ca) and we will be sure to answer you as soon as possible.

All the best,

Dean, FEAS Search Committee

Biographies:

Candidate A – Dr. Claude D'Amours

Claude D'Amours is a Professor in the School of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science in the Faculty of Engineering at the University of Ottawa. His research is area is in physical layer technologies for wireless communication systems. He brings extensive academic management experience having served nearly sixteen years in various leadership roles at the University of Ottawa. Recently appointed Executive Vice Dean of the Faculty of Engineering at uOttawa, he supports the Faculty's operations, governance and strategic priorities, overseeing information technology, finance, human resources and facilities, while supporting faculty development, recruitment and retention. Previously, he served as the Vice Dean of Undergraduate Studies of the Faculty from 2007-2011, the Director of the School of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science from 2013-2022, Interim Vice Dean of Graduate Studies from 2022-2023 and as Interim Vice Dean of Students Affairs in early 2026.

Candidate B – Dr. Rouzbeh Abbassi

Dr. Rouzbeh Abbassi is a Professor in the Artie McFerrin Department of Chemical Engineering at Texas A&M University and Associate Director of the Mary Kay O'Connor Process Safety Center. He earned his PhD from Memorial University of Newfoundland and held postdoctoral research positions at Memorial University and Princeton University before pursuing his academic career in Australia and subsequently in the USA. He is an internationally recognized researcher in process safety, risk engineering, and sustainable engineering systems, with more than 200 peer-reviewed publications, over 15,000 citations (h-index of 73). Prior to joining Texas A&M University, Dr. Abbassi held several other academic leadership positions at Macquarie University in Australia, including Director of Research and founder and Discipline Leader of Civil Engineering. He also

served as Graduate Research Coordinator (GRC) at the University of Tasmania. Through these roles, he contributed to significant growth in research activities, academic program development and accreditation, interdisciplinary collaboration, graduate education, and industry engagement. His academic leadership philosophy emphasizes collaboration, excellence in teaching and research, student success, strong industry and community partnerships, and the development of inclusive, innovative, and high-performing academic environments.

With gratitude



Jennifer Lokash

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