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## Dean Ploutz-Snyder's Reappointment

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Dear Colleagues:

I am pleased to announce that the Board of Regents has approved my recommendation to reappoint Lori Ploutz-Snyder as Dean of the School of Kinesiology for a second five-year term, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2026. This recommendation follows an extensive reappointment review process.

Under Dean Ploutz-Snyder's leadership, the School of Kinesiology has shown an impressive growth trajectory in nearly every regard. Over the past four years, the school has shown consistent growth in federal research funding, fundraising, and undergraduate and graduate student career placements. Dean Ploutz-Snyder's commitment to diversifying the school is evident in the increase in underrepresented students, 39% increase in undergraduate and 300% increase in graduate students. Overall, enrollment is also at the highest point in the school's history. This reflects growth in the three graduate programs, and a number of undergraduate curriculum improvements that have been implemented to enhance the student experience. In early fall 2020, the National Academy of Kinesiology named the School of Kinesiology doctoral program the best in the country for the first time.

In tandem with leading growth, Dean Ploutz-Snyder has overseen the planning for the newly renovated 245,000 square foot facility that will allow for expansion of research infrastructure and enhanced student learning. After a transformative renovation, for the first time in the school's history, all facilities, classrooms, laboratories, academic and career advising offices, and collaboration spaces will be in one location. During Dean Ploutz-Snyder's tenure as dean, she has implemented initiatives to enrich and expand the school's research environment. Her support for research at the School of Kinesiology includes development of strategic faculty hiring plan with a goal of establishing forward-looking, high-impact research endeavors. Timed to coincide with this expansion and growth, the school has just completed a two-year strategic re-branding project.

Dean Ploutz-Snyder has given outstanding service leading the school with her expertise in research, teaching, and strategic planning. I am confident she will continue to provide excellent leadership at School of Kinesiology.

Best,  
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