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TO: Faculty, Staff, and Students, Faculty of Architecture
FROM: Janice Ristock, Provost and Vice-President (Academic)
RE: **Recommendation: Professor Mira (Mimi) Locher
Dean, Faculty of Architecture**

I am pleased to advise that, at its December 1, 2020 meeting, the Board of Governors approved the appointment of Professor Mimi Locher, Dean, Faculty of Architecture for the period July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2026. Professor Locher will also hold an appointment as tenured Associate Professor in the Department of Architecture.

Professor Locher holds a Master of Architecture from the University of Pennsylvania Graduate School of Fine Arts and a Bachelor of Arts cum laude from Smith College, Northampton, Massachusetts. She is currently Associate Professor and former chair for the School of Architecture at the University of Utah. During her four and a half year term as Chair, she led the School through a successful accreditation process, oversaw the development of three new programs, directed a curriculum re-imagination for both undergraduate and graduate programs, and initiated a seven-year university program review process. Prior to this leadership role, she served as the founding Associate Director of the “My Utah Signature Experience” (MUSE) Project; a presidential initiative that provided students with opportunities for transformative educational experiences. She is also a principal architect with Kajika Architecture in Japan and the U.S.

Professor Locher has received several awards including the Faculty Excellence in Global Engagement Award, the University Professorship, and the Park Teaching Fellowship. She is considered to be a leading English-language expert on Japanese architecture and gardens. Her multidisciplinary and collaborative research has been disseminated in four books, many refereed and edited publications, numerous conference presentations, and invited talks. Professor Locher has coordinated, translated, and reviewed design projects and workshops around the world. She was elected to the College of Fellows of the American Institute of Architects in 2014 and is one of only three women in the State of Utah to receive that honor.

Professor Locher’s commitment to collaborative and collegial leadership, student experience, Indigenous achievement and research excellence will well serve the faculty and the University of Manitoba. Please join me in extending congratulations to Mimi on her appointment as Dean and Associate Professor, Faculty of Architecture.

cc: Professor Mimi Locher
Presidential Advisory Committee to Appoint a Dean, Faculty of Architecture
