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Dear friends and colleagues,

It is my pleasure to announce the appointment of Christine Tausig Ford as Interim Executive Director of the Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences.

Christine Tausig Ford has had an impressive and extensive career in the higher education sector, and will bring significant depth and experience to the Federation at this time of transition. She spent 34 years at Universities Canada, including as Director of Publications and Communications, Corporate Secretary and eventually VP and Chief Operating Officer. She is now Principal at Higher Thinking Strategies, a consulting practice in Ottawa.

Christine's appointment is effective immediately and she will remain at the Federation until February 2017. While at the helm, she will focus on the internal operations of the Federation, providing support to the excellent Federation staff team, and will assist in external relations with government and other partners. On behalf of the Board and the Secretariat, I welcome her and look forward to working with her in the months ahead.

Also, on behalf of the Board and staff, I would like to thank Jean-Marc Mangin for his work and commitment to the Federation over more than 6 ½ years, during which time he oversaw a revitalization of the organization's mission and worked tirelessly on ensuring the Federation was becoming a more visible and effective voice for our sector. He worked closely with the membership and the Board to develop a new five-year strategic plan, launched this year, that places membership engagement at front and centre for the foreseeable future. We wish him all the best in his future endeavours.

Leadership changes are a natural part of any organization's evolution and they always present an opportunity for reflection. The Federation is poised to champion the interests of our membership in an exciting and challenging time ahead. I am feeling energized about the new heights we will reach together in ensuring the humanities and social sciences research community continues to play a vital role in building a prosperous, inclusive and democratic future for Canada.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Stephen J. Toope'.

Stephen J. Toope
President and Board Chair



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