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Dear members of the Faculty of Humanities,

I am writing to share some important news regarding the Faculty. I have received word from Suzanne Crosta that for personal reasons she intends to step down as dean effective April 19, 2013.

Dr. Crosta has led the Faculty as dean since March of 2007, having also served previously as associate dean (2001-07). Her deep interest in the success of students, faculty and staff has enhanced opportunities across the Faculty. Over her tenure she has been instrumental in the development of nine major new undergraduate and graduate programs, four new research centres and institutes and the expansion of research opportunities within Humanities. She has also helped to raise understanding of the important role the disciplines plays through dedicated advocacy at both the national and international level.

On behalf of McMaster I would like to thank Dr. Crosta for her many contributions to the University during her time as dean and wish her ongoing success as she continues to serve the university as a professor, researcher and educator.

Appointing an acting dean will be a top priority and I will share any developments on this appointment as soon as I'm able.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to the success of the Faculty.

Sincerely,

David Wilkinson