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To: Faculty and Staff Members of FEAS

From: Alan Shepard   
Provost and Vice President Academic

Re: Dean Boctor retiring

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Stalin Boctor, Dean of the Faculty of Engineering, Architecture and Science is retiring on June 30 after a career of distinction at Ryerson. I am very pleased that he has agreed to provide consulting advice on future projects so that we may continue to benefit from his experience, energy and dedication.

Few people have enjoyed as long and productive a career at Ryerson as Stalin. A PhD in electrical engineering from the University of Waterloo, he joined the Electrical Engineering Department in 1971. He served two terms as Chair before accepting the post of Associate Dean. He was appointed Dean in 2002 and reappointed in 2007.

During his tenure as Dean, Stalin has led tremendous growth and quality enhancement of programs at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. Under his leadership and direction the Faculty has launched five innovative undergraduate science programs, and all departments in the Faculty now offer at least one graduate program. Since accepting its first PhD candidates in 2004, the number of PhD programs in the Faculty has grown to six and graduate enrolment has expanded rapidly, with more than 800 graduate students enrolled this year.

With his signature drive and enthusiasm, Stalin was instrumental in the most successful accreditation in 2007 of the Faculty's seven engineering programs by the Canadian Engineering Accreditation Board (CEAB), resulting in the achievement of the highest standards possible. The accreditation process is now underway for the new Master of Architecture program. Stalin's strong and deep commitment to high-quality and relevant research resulted in a substantial increase in the Faculty's research activity and outcomes, including \$12 million in sponsored research now underway. The Faculty continues to attract and retain outstanding faculty and staff, including nine Canada Research Chairs and Ryerson's first NSERC Industrial Research Chair.

Stalin was also instrumental in growing the international reputation of the Faculty and Ryerson as a whole through collaborative research agreements with a number of Asian and European universities, ongoing support for international students, and innovative new international programs including the Internationally Educated Engineers Qualification Bridging program, launched in 2007, which prepares foreign-trained engineers to work in Ontario.

Stalin's tremendous leadership has extended beyond Ryerson, and he is highly regarded in his discipline. Amongst his many professional activities, he has been a member of numerous accreditation teams for the Canadian Engineering Accreditation Board and has served as Chair of the Council of Ontario Deans of

Engineering since 2007. He also served as a member of NCDEAS' Deans Liaison Committee with the CEAB's Policies and Procedures Committee, since its inception in 2005.

Ryerson has been most fortunate to have Stalin Boctor as a faculty member and academic leader in the University for more than thirty-eight years. I am sure everyone joins me in wishing him all the best in his retirement.

A search process for the new Dean will begin very soon. In the meantime, I am pleased that Mohamed Lachemi, Associate Dean, Research, Development and Graduate Programs in the Faculty of Engineering, Architecture and Science has agreed to act as Interim Dean until a permanent Dean is appointed.