

Pearl Sullivan, Dean of Engineering

Pearl Sullivan completed BEng and MASc degrees at the Technical University of Nova Scotia and a PhD at the University of British Columbia in metals and materials engineering. She began her career as a lecturer at Nanyang Technological University in Singapore. She then returned to Canada to serve on the faculty at the University of New Brunswick, where she received two Faculty Merit Awards for Excellence before joining the University of Waterloo in 2004. She received Waterloo's Outstanding Performance Award in 2009.

Since 2006, Sullivan has been chair of the Department of Mechanical and Mechatronics Engineering. During her administrative tenure, she has successfully led the department through a period of unprecedented growth, particularly in graduate education and research. She has developed a strong track record in multi-disciplinary collaboration and led initiatives to promote the department, faculty and university to industry as an innovator in global graduate education. As an experienced administrator and respected scholar, she will strategically direct the Faculty of Engineering and her input as a member of Waterloo's senior administration team will be highly valued.

The faculty balloting process indicated very strong support for Sullivan's appointment. Her initial term will run for five years, ending June 30, 2017.

The dean of engineering nomination process is governed by [Policy 45](#). For more information please visit the [Dean of Engineering Nominating Committee website](#). The committee's recommendation was unanimously approved by Senate on January 16 and the Board of Governors on January 19, 2012.