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name on the building helps to define who we are and who we want to be. It is a question about *us*, not *him*.”

If one of our aspirations as a university is to answer, in all ways that are appropriate and possible for us, the Calls to Action of the Report of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada, it is obvious that where the name upon a building effectively denies Indigenous students the right—denied to no others—to study without shadow or hindrance, that name should be removed. Greater than our obligation to respect and understand the past is our obligation to seek truth, equity and justice in the present and future, and with a particular regard for those in our society who have been, or continue to be, denied those rights.

I strongly endorse Dean Walters’s recommendation.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Patrick Deane', is written over a graphic of a musical staff with notes. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Patrick Deane
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