June 14th, 2018

Dear Massey Colleagues,

As you will have seen from my recent Report to the College from May 16th, 2017/2018 was a very busy year at Massey with over four hundred events, remarkable achievements by the Junior Fellows, great progress on governance reform, and a robust discussion about the many aspects of our community and how we can optimise intergenerational and interdisciplinary engagement and experience.

July of 2019, a year from now, will bring to an end five years of service during which Donna and I have had the immense privilege of being formally associated with and advancing Massey College with the help of so many. It has been a remarkable experience, from which we have learned a great deal, and during which we have made enduring friendships that we shall treasure forever.

We have decided not to stay on further beyond the five years for several reasons. We want a bit more time for ourselves, which would include more time in Kingston, our home. We want time for prospective projects and undertakings, which would not be sustainable within the 24/7 Massey schedule. Most importantly, we think five years, not dissimilar from a Dean or departmental Chair, with the necessary dynamic of change at a graduate residential college, afford the community a more regular and frequent chance to renew and refresh with a new Principal. Giving notice now allows the Governing Board and entire Massey community ample time to construct a Selection and Search Committee and supportive process in Massey’s best interest, and have a new Principal in place for the academic year 2019-2020.

While it has been a privilege to spend my time serving at Massey with both existing and new initiatives, from the fundraising, programme innovation, improvements to physical plant and governance changes, there is, of course, lots more to be done.

I look forward to another year of hard work and fun at Massey College, which Donna and I will always cherish as a very special place, with a unique history and compelling future!

Sincerely,

The Hon. Hugh Segal, OC, OOnt
Principal
Massey College