Office of the Vice-Principal Academic & Dean



MEMORANDUM DCD #4, 2020-21

| To: Cc: | Chairs and Director, University of Toronto Scarborough Chairs' and Director's Assistants, Departmental Assistants Kathunnick, Farson |
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| From: Date: | Katherine R. Larson, Vice-Dean Teaching, Learning & Undergraduate Programs 5 October 2020 |
| Re: | Call for Working Circle Faculty and Student Nominations, University of Toronto Scarborough Campus Curriculum Review |

A campus-wide curriculum review will be initiated in 2020-2021 to assess our current standing against the commitment to inclusion, Indigeneity, and anti-racism articulated in U of T Scarborough's Strategic Plan, *Inspiring Inclusive Excellence*, and to inform a plan for action. The focus of this review will be on Indigenous ways of knowing, Black knowledges, racialized perspectives, as well as international and intercultural experiences. See <u>Working Circle Terms of Reference</u> for further details.

The first step in the review process will be the establishment of a Working Circle to collectively assess pathways to ensuring that U of T Scarborough's commitment to inclusion, Indigeneity, and anti-racism are reflected across our programs and embedded in our curriculum and in our pedagogical approaches and supports. The Working Circle will meet monthly from October 2020 - June 2021, and a report summarizing its learnings and recommendations will be submitted to the Vice-Principal Academic & Dean in July 2021.

In accordance with the U of T Scarborough Campus Curriculum Review Terms of Reference, the Working Circle will include stakeholders from across the campus, with core representation and co-leadership from Indigenous and Black faculty and staff. I am writing to invite your nominations of faculty and student representatives to serve on the Working Circle. We are aiming to ensure a diversity of perspectives and experiences, particularly Indigenous ways of knowing, Black knowledges, and racialized perspectives; disciplinary breadth; and, for faculty, representation of teaching/research streams. Please nominate as many individuals in each category as you wish and include a brief description of your reasons for suggesting each of the persons you name.

Nominations should be submitted no later than Friday, October 9, by filling out the enclosed form.

The Working Circle membership will be announced once it has been confirmed.