



November 12, 2020

Dear UTSC faculty,

This is an update to my [communication on October 29](#) when I wrote to you about our in-person offerings for the winter session, indicating that a final decision was dependent on the province's directives after the 28-day period (from October 10<sup>th</sup>) in which we were in a modified stage 2 concluded. The provincial guidelines have been further nuanced by the introduction of a colour coding system. For green, yellow and orange we could continue as we have been planning since last June. However, given that Toronto is in red, and after consultation with the VP Dean's Group, the Academic Chairs and Director, and the Campus Executive Team, we have decided to proceed only with those in-person elements that are deemed essential in terms of learning outcomes, that is, those elements that cannot be replicated in an online/remote environment. These will be mainly laboratories.

Consistent with previous messaging, neither students nor instructors will be compelled to participate in these in-person elements. We maintain our commitment to offer these elements in subsequent academic terms and to make appropriate accommodation for those intending to graduate in June. If the province moves into the grey code (stage 1 or full lockdown), we will pivot appropriately in compliance with provincial directives.

I am deeply appreciative of your on-going commitment to delivering the best under these circumstances and your flexibility as circumstances have evolved.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. A. Gough'.

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