



**MEMORANDUM**

To: Faculty, Staff and Students, Department of Health & Society

From: Professor William Gough, Vice-Principal Academic & Dean

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Date: 21 January 2021

Re: **Academic Administrative Appointment – Acting Chair, Department of Health & Society**

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I am pleased to inform you that the Agenda Committee of Academic Board has approved the appointment of Professor Michelle Silver as Acting Chair of the Department of Health & Society from January 21, 2021 to June 30, 2021. This is to replace the current Chair, Professor Jessica Fields who has been appointed Interim Vice-Dean Faculty Affairs, Equity & Success in the Office of the Vice-Principal Academic & Dean for the same period.

Michelle Silver joined UTSC in 2008 and has been the Associate Chair of Research since June 2019. Her area of research interests include work, aging, and retirement; perceptions about aging; and health information seeking. Her book, *Retirement and Its Discontents*, was published in 2018 by Columbia University Press and she has received grants from SSHRC, Mitacs, and the Connaught Foundation.

I am very grateful Professor Silver is willing to take on the responsibilities of Acting Chair and look forward to working with her as she leads the Department through this critical period.