

**MEMORANDUM**

To: Faculty, Staff and Students, Department of English

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



Date: 20 May 2020

Re: **Academic Administrative Appointment – Chair Department of English**

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I am pleased to announce that the Agenda Committee of Academic Board has approved Professor Neil ten Kortenaar as Chair of the Department of English for a two-year term, from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2022.

Since joining the University, Professor ten Kortenaar has served in a range of leadership roles, including Associate Chair of Humanities at UTSC, and Associate Director of the U of T English PhD program. He was able to continue his consultative and open leadership style during his term as Director of the U of T Centre for Comparative Literature, and when he served as the President of the Canadian Association of Commonwealth Literature and Language (CACLALS). In all instances, his respect for equity and fairness, and the ability to engage and bridge different perspectives was admired. I am very pleased that Professor ten Kortenaar is willing to take on the responsibility of Chair and continue to lead the Departmental initiatives. I look forward to working with him.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the search committee for their service in this important process. The participation of members of the committee and the input of faculty, staff and students is greatly appreciated.