



MEMORANDUM

To: Faculty, Staff and Students, University of Toronto Scarborough

Cc: Professor Melanie Woodin, Dean, Faculty of Arts and Science
Professor Amrita Daniere, Vice-Principal Academic & Dean, University of Toronto Mississauga

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

Date: 6 August 2020

Re: Appointments: Special Advisors to the Vice-Principal Academic & Dean
University of Toronto Scarborough

I am pleased to announce the following appointments as Special Advisors to the VP Dean as of 1 July 2020:

Professor **Corinne Beauquis** joins the VP Dean's Office as the Special Advisor on Experiential Education (EE) for a one-year term, 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021. She is Associate Professor, Teaching Stream in the Department of Language Studies, where she teaches a variety of courses including Language courses, Francophone literatures and cultures, and Community-engaged learning in the Francophone community. Professor Beauquis has been a key advocate of experiential education on our campus and this year received the *Community-Engaged Learning Faculty Fellowship* to provide support in developing new or enhanced, community-engaged learning, and/or community-engaged research, courses. Under the direction and oversight of Vice-Dean Teaching, Learning & Undergraduate Programs, Professor Katie Larson, Professor Beauquis will manage the initiatives lead by her predecessor, Professor Ahmed Allahwala and continue to provide leadership for EE related committees, projects, and partnerships.

Former Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, **David Onley** has accepted a one-year term, 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021, as the Special Advisor to the VP Dean on Disability Studies (DS). As a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Political Science at U of T Scarborough, he teaches *The Politics of Disability, and The Vice Regal Office in Canada*. In his role as Special Advisor he will provide counsel, advice to the VP Dean, and research and engage in related activities to support Disability Studies. Mr. Onley was the inaugural Chair of the *Accessibility Standards Advisory Council* of the Government of Ontario and was inducted into the Canadian Disability Hall of Fame, the Scarborough Walk of Fame, and conducted the Third Legislative Review of the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) for the Ontario Government. His leadership is especially timely as the campus launches its new EDU: C, the Centre for Global Disability Studies (CGDS) where he will work closely with the Director, Professor Cassandra Hartblay, to bring together faculty from existing programs to facilitate interdisciplinary collaboration in critical, global disability studies research.

Professor **April Franco** will serve as the Special Advisor to the VP Dean on Management during her term as Chair of the Department of Management. Along with her priorities as the academic administrator of the unit, she will also represent the needs and aspirations of the Department of Management at various decanal and campus committees and provide guidance to the VP Dean and other decanal members on a range of academic and campus matters. Professor Franco in this role will work to foster greater interaction between the Department of Management and other academic units at U of T Scarborough to leverage Management's leadership in experiential learning and curricular innovations. Finally, an important goal will be to provide guidance to the VP Dean on how to move forward on the recommendations stemming from the external review of the Department of Management.