


**MEMORANDUM**

To: Faculty, Staff and Students, Department of Management

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

Date: 6 June 2020

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

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I am pleased to announce that the Agenda Committee of Academic Board has approved Professor April Franco as Chair of the Department of Management at the University of Toronto Scarborough (UTSC) for a six-year term with a one-year leave, from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2026.

Professor April Franco joined UTSC in 2008 and is an Associate Professor of Economics and Strategy. Her research focuses on the transfer, creation, and use of knowledge within organizations and her work on spin-outs is considered groundbreaking. She has received two SSHRC grants, and a National Science Foundation grant, two teaching awards and the Roger Martin and Nancy Lang Award for Excellence in Research. She has a strong publication record, including publications in journals such as the American Economic Review, The Rand Journal of Economics, Academy of Management Journal and Strategic Management Journal. She has also written several book chapters.

Professor Franco has served in a number of leadership roles. She has been Associate Editor of Management Science and is a member of several editorial boards. She is currently the Professional Development Chair for the Entrepreneurship Division of the Academy of Management. She has also served as Associate Chair, Research from 2011 to 2012 and has been the Ph.D. coordinator for the Economic Analysis and Policy area at Rotman School of Management from 2016 to 2020.

I am very pleased that Professor Franco is willing to take on the responsibility of Chair and continue to lead the Departmental initiatives and I look forward to working with her. 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.