## MEMORANDUM

To: Faculty, University of Toronto Scarborough Chairs, University of Toronto Scarborough
Cc: Chairs' Assistants, Departmental Assistants/Undergraduate Coordinators
From: Professor Katherine R. Larson, Vice-Dean Teaching, Learning & Undergraduate Programs
Date: 14 October 2022
Re: Digital Course Materials Expanded Pilot Winter 2023
Note: For distribution broadly

In partnership with the Office of the Vice-Principal Academic & Dean, the UofT Bookstore will be continuing to pilot a digital-first course material delivery model in the Winter term. This delivery model seeks to address the significant number of students who have foregone getting their course materials in recent years, putting their academic success at risk. Student feedback indicates that pricing and ease of access are the biggest barriers to getting their materials. This initiative aims to remove these obstacles and improve the student experience.

Launched in January 2022, with an expanded rollout this Fall that reached over 3,000 students at UTSC, the pilot integrates course materials directly within Quercus through the combined efforts of the Bookstore, the University's IT team, and a digital distribution company called Willo Labs.

Although the model introduced in this pilot is digital-first, it is by no means digital-only. The Bookstore will continue to work with staff and faculty to ensure they can assign their preferred course materials, and will stock print materials when available to ensure that students who prefer hard copies can still get what they need.

The pilot will be further expanded in Winter 2023. Please watch for further information from the Bookstore in their call for course materials for the upcoming term. For questions or to confirm your participation in Winter 2023 please contact:

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