




MEMORANDUM

To: Faculty, Staff, and Students, University of Toronto Scarborough
From: Professor William A. Gough, Vice-Principal Academic & Dean 
Date: 28 June 2023
Re: **Academic Administrative Appointment - Acting Associate Dean, Undergraduate Programs & Curriculum (ADUPC), University of Toronto Scarborough**
Note: For distribution broadly

I am pleased to inform you that the Agenda Committee of the Academic Board has approved the appointment of Professor Michael Souza as Acting Associate Dean, Undergraduate Programs & Curriculum (ADUPC) for a one-year term from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024. This is to replace the current Associate Dean Suzanne Sicchia who will serve as Acting Vice-Dean Teaching, Learning & Undergraduate Programs (VDTLUP) during Vice-Dean Katherine R. Larson's administrative leave.

Michael Souza is an Associate Professor, Teaching Stream of Psychology and Neuroscience in the Department of Psychology at U of T Scarborough. He holds a PhD in Psychology from the University of California, Berkeley, and an MA and BA in Psychology from the University of California, Davis. Prior to joining U of T Scarborough in 2016, he was a full-time faculty member in the Department of Psychology at the University of British Columbia (UBC) since 2010. His teaching interests focus on the cognitive neuroscience of higher-order mental functions; brain dysfunction and recovery, particularly that of frontal lobe functioning; and the psychology of gambling.

Professor Souza is a dedicated member of our campus with administrative experience in multiple capacities. He has served as Associate Chair, Undergraduate at both UBC and U of T Scarborough and here at U of T Scarborough, has shepherded a range of important curricular proposals through governance. This has included a range of achievements, including the development of program-level learning outcomes for Psychology, Mental Health Studies, and Neuroscience, as well as a significant strengthening of the Neuroscience undergraduate programs (most notably the creation of three streams in the Neuroscience Specialist program). He has also served on various campus committees including the Academic Advising Round Table, and the U of T Scarborough Campus Curriculum and Academic Affairs Committees.

I am grateful that Professor Souza is willing to serve as Acting Associate Dean, Undergraduate Programs & Curriculum. He has a strong interest in undergraduate curriculum development and innovation, as well as fostering student community and engagement. His talents in program and curriculum development are recognized by his colleagues and he is seen as a highly effective communicator, a team player with institutional goals at the forefront of his mind, and a true champion of undergraduate education. I, along with the decanal team, look forward to working with him in this role.