MEMORANDUM

To: UTSC Campus Leadership Forum

From: Professor William Gough, Vice-Principal Academic and Dean

Date: 16 November 2017

Re: Academic Administrative Appointment

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Professor Ahmed Allahwala as Special Advisor to the Dean on Experiential Education for a six-month term from 1 January to 30 June 2018.

Professor Allahwala holds the rank of Associate Professor, Teaching Stream in the Department of Human Geography. His area of expertise is urban governance and social policy, community development, youth engagement, and participatory action research. Since his appointment at UTSC in 2010, Professor Allahwala has been a key advocate of experiential education on our campus. In addition to serving as Co-op Supervisor in City Studies for six years, Professor Allahwala has taught a variety of community-engagement courses in partnership with organizations such as the East Scarborough Storefront, the Boys and Girls Club of East Scarborough, TAIBU Community Health Centre, Malvern Family Resource Centre, and the Toronto District Catholic School Board. He has a long history of civic engagement and served on the Board of Directors of several non-profit organizations across Toronto. Based on his sustained engagement and expertise, Professor Allahwala has been invited to speak about community-engaged learning and value-based university-community partnerships locally, nationally and internationally. He is currently the co-chair of the Faculty Advisory Committee of the Centre for Community Partnerships and a member of the Vice Provost’s Innovations in Undergraduate Education Advisory Group on Experiential Education.

As Special Advisor to the Dean, Professor Allahwala’s main focus will be to encourage and support our academic departments to strengthen the experiential education opportunities they currently offer and develop new ways to enrich student learning through experience within their programs and courses. He will also play a key role in coordinating and leading experiential education opportunities and activities offered by support units inside and outside of the Dean’s portfolio, including the two Co-op Offices, CTL, the Hub, Academic Advising and Career Counselling, and Community Development and Engagement.

I am very pleased that Professor Allahwala is willing to take on the role of Special Advisor on Experiential Education. I am confident that UTSC will make meaningful progress in achieving our initiatives.

Please share this announcement with your colleagues.