




## MEMORANDUM

To: Faculty, Staff, and Students, Department of Biological Sciences  
From: Professor William A. Gough, Vice-Principal Academic & Dean   
Date: 28 June 2023  
Re: **Academic Administrative Appointment - Chair, Department of Biological Sciences**  
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It is with great pleasure that I write to inform you that the Agenda Committee of the Academic Board has approved the appointment of Professor Mauricio Terebiznik as Chair of the Department of Biological Sciences from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2028.

Mauricio Terebiznik is an Associate Professor in the Department of Biological Sciences. He holds a PhD and a Licentiate degree in Biological Sciences from the University of Buenos Aires. He joined U of T Scarborough as an Assistant Professor in 2007 and was promoted to Associate Professor with tenure in 2014. His research areas include cell biology and microbiology. His laboratory investigates the interplay between cells and intracellular pathogens. The study of their strategies provides an understanding of how our cells work and how they detect and fight intracellular infections.

Professor Terebiznik is a highly regarded scholar with a wide reputation in his field. He has published about 50 peer-reviewed journal articles, several book chapters, and has a strong record of invited presentations and lectures in Canada and worldwide. His research has been consistently supported by grants from the Natural Sciences & Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC), Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), Mitacs, Canadian Foundation for Innovation (CFI), internal research funding initiatives and industrial partners. In addition to serving as an editorial board member for the Journal Biochemistry & Cell Biology, he is a sought-after reviewer for high-profile journals, national and international granting agencies.

Professor Terebiznik is committed to his discipline, department, and our campus. Since 2015, he has been the Director of the Centre for Neurobiology of Stress (CNS), a state-of-the-art infrastructure facility that brings together researchers from the departments of Biological Sciences, Physical & Environmental Sciences, Health & Society, and Psychology as well as local, national, and international collaborators. He has an extensive service record on various campus and departmental committees. He is the Chair of the U of T Scarborough Office of the Vice-Principal Research & Innovation's Research Funding & Awards Programs Working Group, a member of the departmental Executive Committee, has been the Local Biosafety Coordinator and a member of the Local Biosafety Committee since 2018, and has served on several search and academic review committees.

I am grateful that Professor Terebiznik is willing to undertake this important leadership responsibility as Chair of the Department of Biological Sciences. He is well respected for his scholarship, leadership qualities, and dedication needed to lead the Department forward. I am confident that the Department will be in very capable hands. I, along with the decanal team, look forward to working with him in this role.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the advisory committee for its service in this important process. The participation of members of the committee and the input of the faculty, staff, and students is greatly appreciated.