MEMORANDUM

To: Faculty, Staff, and Students, Department of Computer & Mathematical Sciences
From: Professor William A. Gough, Vice-Principal Academic & Dean
Date: 2 June 2023
Re: **Academic Administrative Appointment – Chair, Department of Computer & Mathematical Sciences**
Note: For distribution broadly

It is with great pleasure that I write to inform you that the Agenda Committee of Academic Board has approved the appointment of Professor James Bremer as Chair of the Department of Computer & Mathematical Sciences from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2028.

James Bremer is Professor in the Department of Computer & Mathematical Sciences. He holds a PhD in Mathematics (2007) from Yale University and undergraduate degrees in Mathematics and Computer Science from the University of Maryland (2001). Professor Bremer was a faculty member in the Department of Mathematics at the University of California Davis (2007-21) prior to joining U of T Scarborough as Professor in 2021. His work focuses on the development of efficient algorithms for the numerical solution of elliptic boundary value problems and integral equations.

Professor Bremer is a highly regarded scholar with a wide reputation in his field. He received a Sloan Research Fellowship in 2012, has a strong publication record with numerous peer-reviewed journal articles, and has been invited to various lectures and other speaking engagements in Canada and the USA. He is a sought-after expert for top-tiered journals, as well as on review panels for the United States National Science Foundation.

He also brings significant administrative experience having served on various departmental and university-wide committees at the University of California Davis. During his time at U of T Scarborough, he has made valuable contributions to the Department, and developed a strong knowledge of the Department's opportunities and challenges, as well as the aspirations of its faculty, staff, and students.

I greatly appreciate Professor Bremer's willingness to undertake this important leadership responsibility as Chair of the Department of Computer & Mathematical Sciences. He is well respected for his excellent scholarship and leadership qualities. 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.