




MEMORANDUM

To: Faculty, Staff and Students, Department of Health & Society
From: Professor William A. Gough, Vice-Principal Academic & Dean 
Date: 29 June 2022
Re: **Academic Administrative Appointment - Acting Chair, Department of Health & Society**
Note: For broad distribution

It is with great pleasure that I write to inform you that the Agenda Committee of Academic Board has approved the appointment of Professor Mark Schmuckler as Acting Chair of the Department of Health & Society from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023 while Professor Michelle Silver is on leave.

Professor Schmuckler is Professor in the Department of Psychology at U of T Scarborough. He holds a PhD in Psychology, focusing on both music cognition and infant development, from Cornell University. He is an internationally renowned expert in perceptual and perceptual-motor development, and the perception of pitch structure in music. He leads the [Music Cognition Lab](#) and the [Laboratory for Infant Studies](#). He has authored and contributed to a number of texts, including *The Oxford Handbook of Developmental Psychology* and *The Oxford Handbook of Music Psychology*. He currently serves as Editor of the journal *Psychomusicology*.

Professor Schmuckler has extensive academic administrative experience and strong service to the University. Most recently, he has served as Acting Vice-Provost, Academic Programs and Acting Vice-Provost, Innovations in Undergraduate Education (Jan-Jun 2021) and Vice-Provostial Advisor (July-Dec 2020) providing leadership and guidance to colleagues across the University regarding both academic programs and undergraduate teaching initiatives. He has previously served as U of T Scarborough's Vice-Dean, Undergraduate (2013-2020) responsible for overseeing all aspects of undergraduate programs and curriculum, student appeals, and petitions. Currently, Professor Schmuckler is serving as one of the VP Dean's Designates for Academic Integrity at U of T Scarborough and chairs the Subcommittee for Academic Appeals. He is also the University of Toronto representative on the Quality Council for the Council of Ontario Universities.

I am very pleased that Professor Schmuckler is willing to take on the responsibility as Acting Chair of the Department of Health & Society. He is a strong and remarkable leader who is highly respected by his colleagues, staff, and other academic administrators across the University. I am confident that the Department will be in very capable hands and I look forward to working with him in this capacity.