


MEMORANDUM

To: Faculty, Staff, and Students, Department of Language Studies
From: Professor William A. Gough, Vice-Principal Academic & Dean 
Date: 14 December 2023
Re: **Academic Administrative Appointment - Interim Chair, Department of Language Studies**
Note: For broad distribution

I am pleased to inform you that the Agenda Committee of the Academic Board has approved the appointment of Professor Corinne Beauquis as Interim Chair of the Department of Language Studies from 1 January 2024 to 30 June 2024 while a search for a Chair remains ongoing.

Professor Corinne Beauquis is an Associate Professor, Teaching Stream in the Department of Language Studies and has been with the University of Toronto Scarborough since 2004. She holds a PhD and a Master's degree in French Literature, both from the University of Western Ontario. Her current research focuses on Experiential Learning. In addition, she teaches a variety of courses, covering topics such as French Language, French Language Learning in the School System, and Community-engaged Learning in the Francophone Community.

Professor Beauquis brings valuable experience to this role having served as Acting Chair of the Department of Language Studies (October-December 2021), and prior to the establishment of the department as Acting Director, and Associate Director of the Centre for French & Linguistics. As Special Advisor to the VP Dean on Experiential Education (2020-21), Professor Beauquis played a vital role in spearheading and enabling experiential learning initiatives across campus.

Her research and teaching have been supported by numerous external and internal pedagogical grants. More specifically, she was awarded Community-Engaged Learning Faculty Fellowships to support the development of new or enhanced community-engaged learning and/or community-engaged research courses as well as four Co-operative Education and Work-Integrated Learning Canada (CEWIL) grants, which have facilitated the creation of new work-integrated learning opportunities benefiting students, the University, and community partners. She has also received funding as co-investigator from e-Campus Ontario to develop Student Preparation modules for Experiential Learning in French and English designed to engage students in reflective preparation for curricular or co-curricular experiential learning placements. She is the recipient of the Pedagogies for Inclusive Excellence (PIE) fund and the Experiential Learning Fund (ELF) from the University of Toronto Scarborough.

Professor Beauquis is held in high esteem by her colleagues for her excellent scholarship and effective leadership. She is a strong advocate of the department with a strong institutional memory and a deep understanding of the department's programs, its strengths and aspirations as well as challenges.

I thank Professor Corinne Beauquis for her willingness to serve as Interim Chair of the Department of Language Studies. I am confident that the Department will be in very capable hands. I look forward to working with her once again.