




MEMORANDUM

To: Faculty, Staff, and Students, University of Toronto Scarborough
From: Professor William A. Gough, Vice-Principal Academic & Dean 
Date: 14 July 2022
Re: **Administrative Appointment - Special Advisor on Academic Initiatives**
Note: For distribution broadly

I am pleased to inform you that Professor James Donaldson has accepted the position of Special Advisor on Academic Initiatives for a one-year term from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023.

Professor Donaldson is Professor in the Department of Physical & Environmental Sciences at U of T Scarborough. He is an internationally renowned scientist and researcher on atmospheric and physical chemistry. He is a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and a recipient of the U of T Scarborough Principal's Research Award. Professor Donaldson is an experienced leader having served on a number of administrative roles. Most recently, he has served as Vice-Dean Recruitment, Enrolment & Student Success (2020-22) providing leadership on the strategic undergraduate enrolment plan, academic integrity, and student well-being initiatives. He previously served as Acting Chair (2018-19), Associate Chair of Research (2017-18), and Associate Chair (2003-05) in the Department of Physical & Environmental Sciences. He also served as the tri-campus Associate Chair of Graduate Studies (2008-13) in the Department of Chemistry.

In his new role as Special Advisor, Professor Donaldson will work closely with the VP Academic & Dean and Vice-Deans on key academic initiatives including leading the exam practices working group, establishing the student award process, and co-chairing the student mental health group.

I am grateful that Professor Donaldson is willing to take on the role of Special Advisor on Academic Initiatives. He is highly regarded by his colleagues as an excellent scholar and a strong leader with a deep commitment to student success and well-being. I, along with the Vice-Deans, look forward to continuing working with him to advance decanal priorities.