

## MEMORANDUM

To: Faculty, Staff, and Students, University of Toronto Scarborough  
From: Professor William A. Gough, Vice-Principal Academic & Dean  
Date: 22 March 2024  
Re: **Administrative Appointment - Special Advisor on Access**  
Note: For distribution broadly



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It is with great pleasure that I write to inform you that Professor Susannah Bunce has accepted the appointment of Special Advisor on Access from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025.

Susannah Bunce is an Associate Professor in the Department of Human Geography at University of Toronto Scarborough. Her expertise lies in the geography and planning of urban communities with a focus on sustainable community building and socio-environmental justice at the neighborhood scale. Her research focuses on environmental gentrification, urban commons, and community-led ownership of land and housing through urban community land trusts and ecovillages. Professor Bunce has extensive experience with building community partnerships with non-profit organizations and other institutions in Scarborough and the Toronto region through her research and teaching engagements. Currently, she is co-Lead of the Affordable Housing Project at the School of Cities, and Principal Investigator on a Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council funded project that explores community engagement and place-keeping in the Highland Creek watershed.

A dedicated member of the Department of Human Geography, Professor Bunce has been serving as the Acting Chair since 1 July 2023, and prior to this position, she has served two terms as Associate Chair (2017-18 and 2020-22), in addition to her involvement in other departmental committees. She has a solid service record in various committees on campus and across the University having served on the University College London (UCL) - U of T Partnership Working Group for the Office of the Vice-President International (since 2018), the sub-committee for the Presidential Committee on the Environment, Climate Change & Sustainability (2017-19), the Publicly Engaged Scholarship Working Group for the U of T Scarborough Office of the VP Research & Innovation (2022), and the Faculty Advisory Committee of the Centre for Community Partnerships (2015-17 and 2023-24), to name a few.

In the Special Advisor role, Professor Bunce will provide counsel and advice to the Vice-Principal Academic & Dean related to the Access Programs and assist with implementing the institutional strategy to ensure ongoing excellence in this area at U of T Scarborough. She will work closely with key campus stakeholders and liaise with tri-campus colleagues on all aspects of the Access Programs including the completion of the Transitional Year Program (TYP) at U of T Scarborough review, the articulation programs with Centennial, Seneca, and Loyalist Colleges, See U of T, the Village, the Rural Access Program, and others. She will also work closely with colleagues in the Registrar's Office, Academic Advising & Career Centre, Student Experience & Wellbeing, and Department of Community Partnerships & Engagement on various access strategies.

I am very pleased that Professor Bunce is willing to serve as Special Advisor on Access. Her interest and experience in this area will bring significant benefit to this role and have a positive impact on our campus community. The decanal team look forward to working with her in this role.