




MEMORANDUM

To: Faculty, Staff, & Students, University of Toronto Scarborough
From: Professor William A. Gough, Vice-Principal Academic & Dean 
Date: 14 December 2021
Re: **Academic Administrative Appointment - Acting Associate Dean Teaching & Learning**
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 Zohreh Shahbazi as Acting Associate Dean Teaching & Learning (ADTL) for a one-year term from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023. This is to replace the current Associate Dean, Professor Karen McCrindle, who will take an administrative leave during this period.

Professor Shahbazi is an Associate Professor, Teaching Stream in the Department of Computer & Mathematical Sciences and the Centre for Teaching & Learning of the University of Toronto Scarborough. She received her PhD in pure mathematics from the University of Toronto in 2004 and joined the University of Toronto Scarborough as Lecturer in 2007. She became Senior Lecturer in 2012 and was appointed as Associate Professor Teaching Stream in 2016. Professor Shahbazi has been involved in a wide range of initiatives with the Centre for Teaching & Learning for many years. Since 2007, she has been the Coordinator of the Math & Stats Support offered by the Centre. The main goal of this support program is to offer a collaborative learning space, which enables students to improve their efficiency and relationship with a variety of mathematics and statistics subjects. She is also the Editor-in-Chief of Math In Action and U(t)-Mathazine, two platforms for communicating mathematical research.

Professor Shahbazi is a recipient of several awards and grants in support of academic activities. She has a strong record of invited lectures and presentations including at the Society of Teaching & Learning in Higher Education and at the Fields Institute. She has a deep commitment to pedagogical innovation in mathematical sciences and beyond, as well as to student engagement and support. As a teaching stream faculty member, she has taught many courses in Geometry, Algebra and Complex Variables, and has kept current with changes in teaching and learning.

I am very pleased that Professor Shahbazi is willing to take on the responsibility of Acting Associate Dean Teaching & Learning, including oversight of the Centre for Teaching & Learning. I, along with the other members of the decanal team, look forward to working with her in this role.