




MEMORANDUM

To: Faculty, Staff, and Students, University of Toronto Scarborough
From: Professor William A. Gough, Vice-Principal Academic & Dean 
Date: 17 May 2023
Re: **Academic Administrative Appointment - Acting Vice-Dean Teaching, Learning & Undergraduate Programs (VDTLUP), University of Toronto Scarborough**
Note: For distribution broadly

I am pleased to inform you that the Agenda Committee of Academic Board has approved the appointment of Professor Suzanne Sicchia as Acting Vice-Dean Teaching, Learning & Undergraduate Programs (VDTLUP) for a one-year term from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024. This is to replace the current Vice-Dean, Professor Katherine R. Larson, who will take an administrative leave during this period.

Suzanne Sicchia is an Associate Professor, Teaching Stream, in the Department of Health & Society (DHS) at U of T Scarborough. She holds a PhD in medical science from the Institute of Medical Sciences, an MHSc in health promotion, and an MSc in social theory and health from the University of Toronto. Professor Sicchia joined U of T Scarborough as Lecturer in 2013, was appointed as Assistant Professor, Teaching Stream in 2016, and promoted to Associate Professor, Teaching Stream in 2020. She is the founder of the UTSC International Health Film Series & Expo, which she continues to lead, and of the UTSC Critical Pedagogies faculty and student reading groups.

She is the current Associate Dean, Undergraduate Programs & Curriculum (ADUPC) where she works closely with the Vice-Dean Teaching, Learning & Undergraduate Programs and oversees the development and approval of new undergraduate programs, leads curriculum innovation and renewal initiatives, and facilitates academic unit and program reviews. She has previously served as Associate Director Undergraduate in the Department of Health & Society and on several committees both at the undergraduate and graduate levels, including the departmental Curriculum Committee, the UTSC Dean's Special Advisory Committee on Student Petitions, and the Faculty Advisory Tri-Campus Centre for Community Partnerships.

Professor Sicchia's research and teaching interests include institutional ethnography, critical pedagogies, social medicine and critical public health, global health governance, violence and health, and critical social theory and women's health. She is the recipient of multiple grants and awards including experiential education funds and the 2020 UTSC Teaching Excellence Award. She has served as an external reviewer on global health governance related grants for the CIHR, SSHRC, and IDRC. She has a strong record of invited presentations, lectures, community engagement activities as well experience in non-profit and social justice work.

I am grateful that Professor Sicchia is willing to serve as Acting Vice-Dean Teaching, Learning & Undergraduate Programs. I, along with the other Vice-Deans, look forward to working with her in this role.