MEMORANDUM

To: Faculty, Staff and Students, Department of Health & Society
From: Professor William A. Gough, Vice-Principal Academic & Dean
Date: 29 June 2022
Re: Academic Administrative Appointment - Acting Chair, Department of Health & Society
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 Mark Schmuckler as Acting Chair of the Department of Health & Society from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023 while Professor Michelle Silver is on leave.

Professor Schmuckler is Professor in the Department of Psychology at U of T Scarborough. He holds a PhD in Psychology, focusing on both music cognition and infant development, from Cornell University. He is an internationally renowned expert in perceptual and perceptual-motor development, and the perception of pitch structure in music. He leads the Music Cognition Lab and the Laboratory for Infant Studies. He has authored and contributed to a number of texts, including The Oxford Handbook of Developmental Psychology and The Oxford Handbook of Music Psychology. He currently serves as Editor of the journal Psychomusicology.

Professor Schmuckler has extensive academic administrative experience and strong service to the University. Most recently, he has served as Acting Vice-Provost, Academic Programs and Acting Vice-Provost, Innovations in Undergraduate Education (Jan-Jun 2021) and Vice-Provostial Advisor (July-Dec 2020) providing leadership and guidance to colleagues across the University regarding both academic programs and undergraduate teaching initiatives. He has previously served as U of T Scarborough’s Vice-Dean, Undergraduate (2013-2020) responsible for overseeing all aspects of undergraduate programs and curriculum, student appeals, and petitions. Currently, Professor Schmuckler is serving as one of the VP Dean’s Designates for Academic Integrity at U of T Scarborough and chairs the Subcommittee for Academic Appeals. He is also the University of Toronto representative on the Quality Council for the Council of Ontario Universities.

I am very pleased that Professor Schmuckler is willing to take on the responsibility as Acting Chair of the Department of Health & Society. He is a strong and remarkable leader who is highly respected by his colleagues, staff, and other academic administrators across the University. I am confident that the Department will be in very capable hands and I look forward to working with him in this capacity.