MEMORANDUM

To: Departmental Chairs and Academic Director
From: William A. Gough, Vice-Principal Academic & Dean
Date: 28 May 2021
Re: Administrative Appointment - Special Advisor on Undergraduate Initiatives
Note: For distribution widely

It is with great pleasure that I write to inform you that Professor Hugh Laurence has accepted the position of Special Advisor to the VP Dean on Undergraduate Initiatives (SAUI) for a one-year term from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022. He will report to Professor Katherine Larson, Vice-Dean Teaching, Learning, & Undergraduate Programs (VDTLUP) and work closely with the Professor Michael Souza, Associate Dean Undergraduate Programs & Curriculum (ADUPC).

Professor Hugh Laurence is an Associate Professor, Teaching Stream, in the Department of Management at U of T Scarborough. He was instrumental in the development of the International Business program (MIB) and in the development of the professional Master of Accounting & Finance program (MAccFin). Professor Laurence is an experienced leader on campus through his roles as Acting Chair in the Department of Management, as well as Vice-Chair. He was also Co-Chair of the Committee on Strategic Collaboration as part of the development of the U of T Scarborough Strategic Plan. Most recently, Professor Laurence has been Acting Associate Dean Undergraduate Programs & Curriculum in the Office of the Vice-Principal Academic & Dean. In this capacity he has provided leadership in a number of areas, including departmental and program University of Toronto Quality Assurance Program (UTQAP) reviews, curriculum planning and academic governance, and the U of T Scarborough Campus Farm. He also served as co-convenor of the Writing Support Task Force.

In his new role as Special Advisor, Professor Laurence’s key responsibilities will include providing leadership and oversight to the U of T Scarborough Campus Farm initiative, working closely with key stakeholders in the Golden Mile project, and liaising with tri-campus partners as the U of T Scarborough lead on the Interdivisional Teaching Framework.

I am very pleased that Professor Laurence is willing to take on the role of Special Advisor and look forward to continuing to work with him on decanal priorities.