MEMORANDUM

To: Faculty, Staff and Students, University of Toronto Scarborough

CC: UTSC Executive Group
Professor Melanie Woodin, Dean, Faculty of Arts and Sciences
Professor Amrita Daniere, Vice-Principal Academic and Dean, UTM

From: Professor William Gough, Vice-Principal Academic and Dean

Date: 24 January 2020

Re: Academic Administrative Appointment – Vice-Dean Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies

It is with great pleasure that I write to inform you that the Agenda Committee of Academic Board has approved the extension of the appointment of Professor Mary Silcox as Vice-Dean Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2022.

Professor Silcox is a Professor in the Department of Anthropology at the University of Toronto Scarborough (UTSC), and a Research Associate at the Royal Ontario Museum and the Florida Museum of Natural History. She is a highly regarded scientist and researcher on early primates from North America, Europe and Asia. Since taking up the role of Vice-Dean Graduate in July 2016, Professor Silcox has been fully engaged in moving forward several important initiatives. In particular, she played a critical role in establishing the first MAccFin program in Canada, which graduated its first cohort this past November. She also spearheaded the development of the first Collaborative Specialization to be housed at UTSC, in Food Studies and Development Policy and Power. Professor Silcox has also sought to improve the lives of graduate students and postdocs on the UTSC campus. In particular, she has worked to integrate postdocs more fully into the campus community by initiating regular postdoc coffee breaks, and hosting the first UTSC postdoc orientation events.

I am delighted that Professor Silcox is willing to continue in the role of Vice-Dean Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. She is held in high regard by her colleagues as an excellent scholar and a strong contributor to the academic life of the UTSC and the Tri-campus graduate enterprise. She was proactive, responsive and decisive during her first term as Vice-Dean and earned the admiration and gratitude of all who worked with her. I look forward to continuing to work with her in the coming years.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank the search committee for its service in this important process. The participation of members of the committee and the input of faculty, staff and students is greatly appreciated.