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From: Professor Merik Gertler, President

Date: May 17, 2019

Re: **Appointment of Acting Vice-President, Operations and Vice-Provost,
Academic Operations**

I am pleased to announce that, at its meeting on May 16, 2019, the Governing Council approved the appointment of Professor Kenneth S. Corts as Acting Vice-President, Operations and Acting, Vice-Provost, Academic Operations, for a four-month term, effective September 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019. Professor Corts will be stepping into this role while Professor Scott Mabury is on a partial administrative leave.

In light of Professor Mabury's recent appointment to the new role of Vice-President, Operations and Real Estate Partnerships, and specifically the responsibility for leading the Four Corners Strategy initiative, Professor Mabury will continue to manage the Real Estate Partnerships portion of the portfolio. This includes University Planning Design & Construction, encompassing Campus and Facilities Planning, Project Development, Project Management, Design & Engineering, Leasing. Professor Corts will have responsibility for the Operations/Academic Operations portion of the portfolio which includes Information Technology Services, Facilities and Services, Ancillary Services, Office of Planning and Budget (dual report to Vice-President and Provost), and, Academic + Campus Events (ACE).

Professor Corts is the Marcel Desautels Chair in Entrepreneurship, Professor of Business Economics, and Vice-Dean, Faculty & Research at the Joseph L. Rotman School of Management. He previously served as Associate Dean, Undergraduate, and Director of Rotman

Commerce, the undergraduate commerce program offered jointly by U of T's Faculty of Arts and Science and the Rotman School. Before joining the Rotman School, he was an Assistant Professor and then Associate Professor in the Competition and Strategy area at Harvard Business School. He received his PhD in Economics from Princeton University in 1994.

Through his research and teaching, Professor Corts applies advances in industrial organization economics, game theory, and competitive strategy to a wide range of problems and industries. His work addresses topics in pricing, network economics, technology adoption, organizational economics, energy policy, and competition policy.

Please join me in welcoming Professor Corts to this important acting role.