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President, University of Toronto Alumni Association (UTAA)

From: Professor Meric Gertler, President

Date: May 16, 2019

Re: Re-appointment of David Palmer as Vice-President, Advancement

I am very pleased to announce that the Governing Council has approved the re-appointment of Mr. David Palmer for a fourth term, effective January 1, 2020 and continuing until December 31, 2025.

Mr. Palmer is currently serving a third term that began on January 1, 2015 and continuing until December 31, 2019. In April, I struck a Committee to advise me on whether a reappointment should be offered or if a search should be undertaken. The Committee met with key academic administrators who have had ongoing and major interaction with the Vice-President and his team, and with senior members of the University's central and divisional advancement staff. These consultations included input from multi-department and single-department faculties and all three campuses. The Committee also met with the President of the University of Toronto Alumni Association. In addition, the Committee received feedback from the University community following a broadly distributed call for submissions.

The advice received through these consultations was consistently extremely positive, commending Vice-President Palmer very highly for his effective leadership of the Boundless Campaign and for its unprecedented \$2.641 billion success. There is a clear sense that the achievement of Boundless, a new high watermark for philanthropy in Canada, is in large part due to Mr. Palmer's vision and outstanding leadership of a high-performing advancement

organization. There is also widespread recognition that the momentum established during the Boundless Campaign is continuing to build.

I am delighted that Vice-President Palmer will continue to serve in this vital role as we begin to set our sights on our next campaign, and I thank him for his untiring commitment to, and passion for, the University of Toronto.