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January 15, 2004

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Academic Administrative Appointments

FACULTY OF ARTS AND SCIENCE

Department of Botany

Professor Rowan Sage

Acting Chair

January 15, 2004 to June 30, 2004

FACULTY OF MEDICINE

Department of Medical Genetics and Microbiology

Professor Brenda Andrews

Interim Chair

February 2, 2004 to June 30, 2004

TRANSITIONAL YEAR PROGRAMME

Professor Rona Abramovitch

Director

July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2009

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO AT SCARBOROUGH

Department of Computer and Mathematical Sciences

Professor John Scherk

Interim Chair

February 1, 2004 to June 30, 2004

Department of Social Sciences

Professor John Miron

Interim Chair

January 15, 2004 to June 30, 2004

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Academic Board

From: Professor Shirley Neuman,
Vice-President and Provost

Date: January 15, 2004

Re: **Re-appointment of Professor Rona Abramovich as Director,
Transitional Year Program (TYP)**

The Search Committee to advise the Provost on the selection of the Director of the Transitional Year Program (TYP) met on Wednesday, December 10, 2003. The committee was advised that Professor Rona Abramovich was eligible for reappointment and had agreed to stand.

The committee reviewed the feedback received from the faculty, staff and students of TYP, as well as from the broader University of Toronto community. This feedback, as well as the input of the committee members, was unanimous in support of re-appointing Professor Abramovich for a second term as the Director of TYP.

The strong support for the re-appointment of Professor Abramovich is a testament to her leadership of and dedication to TYP. Under the directorship of Professor Abramovich TYP has continued to move forward, building linkages within the University as well as expanding its services. (It has, for example, increased its intake, made its programs more accessible to students with disabilities, and established connections by which University College welcomes and supports TYP graduates going on to baccalaureate study.) Professor Abramovich's leadership style is one that embodies the core values of the TYP program itself. Her personal commitment to the faculty, staff and students of TYP is manifested regularly in her assistance with their challenges and support of their accomplishments.

Therefore, I am pleased to recommend the re-appointment of Professor Rona Abramovich, as Director of the Transitional Year Program (TYP), for a 5- year term, beginning July 1, 2004 and ending June 30, 2009.

ADDENDUM

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Academic Administrative Appointments

FACULTY OF ARCHITECTURE, LANDSCAPE AND DESIGN

Professor George Baird

Dean

July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2008

FACULTY OF MEDICINE

Department of Physical Therapy

Professor Katherine Berg

Chair

July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2009

SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES

Professor Sandra Acker

Associate Dean, Division II

January 15, 2004 to June 30, 2007

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Academic Board

From: Professor Shirley Neuman
Vice-President and Provost

Date: January 15, 2004

Re: **Appointment of Professor George Baird, Dean, Faculty of
Architecture, Landscape and Design (FALD)**

I am very pleased to bring to you the recommendation, with the support of both the President and the Search Committee, that Professor George Baird be appointed Dean of the Faculty of Architecture, Landscape and Design for a four year term, from July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2008.

Professor Baird is currently the G. Ware Travelstead Professor of Architecture in the Department of Architecture at the Harvard Graduate School of Design. He received his Bachelor of Architecture from the University of Toronto. He subsequently did postgraduate research at University College, London. He received an AM (Hon.) from Harvard University in 1994. Professor Baird was an Associate Professor of Architecture at the University of Toronto from 1968-1975 and Professor from 1976-1993. Professor Baird is also a partner in the Toronto based architecture and urban design firm of Baird Sampson Neuert Architects Inc.

During his career, Professor Baird has focused on issues of architectural design, design history and theory, and urban design. In design, for example, his recent studios have focused on the social and political aspects of the design of public space, and on that of housing constructed in existing medium density residential neighbourhoods. Professor Baird is the author of a major book on the designer Alvar Aalto (Thames & Hudson), of The Space of Appearance (MIT Press) and of the forthcoming A New Theory of Public Space. He has also written numerous articles addressing issues of architectural theory and has co-edited three volumes. Professor Baird is currently engaged in the preparation of a series of profiles of notable figures in the field of architectural theory since 1968.

Professor Baird was elected Fellow of the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada in 1986. He has won the Canadian Architect Award on several occasions for his professional projects. In 1994 he won the Governor-General's Award for Architecture for Cloud Gardens Park, Toronto. In 2000 he won the da Vinci Medal of Ontario Association of Architects.

Professor Baird has experience in University administration. He has been Chair of the former Architecture department of the University of Toronto and has served as the Director of the MArch I and MArchII degree programs at the Graduate School of Design at Harvard University since 1995.

Professor Baird will assume the deanship at a time in the life of FALD that offers tremendous opportunities to move the Faculty forward. He brings to the position of Dean his considerable experience as an important scholar of architecture and award-winning practitioner. The Faculty of Architecture, Landscape and Design has seen a period of notable renewal under the leadership of Dean Larry Richards. Dean George Baird will build upon its accomplishments and ensure the continuing vitality and high quality of its faculty and student contributions to architectural theory and criticism, architectural practice, and the lively and ongoing debates around architecture and urban design in the City of Toronto.