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From: Professor Meric Gertler, President

Date: February 28, 2020

Re: **Appointment of Professor Trevor Young as Acting Vice-President and Provost**

I am delighted to announce that the Governing Council has approved the appointment of Professor Trevor Young as Acting Vice-President and Provost for a six-month term, effective April 1, 2020 to September 30, 2020, while Provost Cheryl Regehr is on approved administrative leave. You will recall that the Governing Council recently approved the reappointment of Professor Cheryl Regehr as Vice-President and Provost for a four-year term from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2024. At the time of this re-appointment, I approved of the Provost's plan to take a six-month administrative leave in order to further her CIHR and SSHRC-funded research on the effects of workplace stress and trauma on professional decision-making.

Professor Young is a seasoned academic administrator; his wealth of experience, his leadership record, and his impact as a scholar will serve the University well during this six-month acting appointment. Professor Trevor Young currently serves as Dean of the Faculty of Medicine and Vice-Provost, Relations with Health Care Institutions. He recently chaired the Presidential and Provostial Task Force on Student Mental Health, and has achieved many successes over the past five years as Dean and Vice-Provost. For example, he has strengthened our partnerships with the Toronto Academic Health Science Network (TAHSN) and more than 30 affiliates across the Greater Toronto Area; advanced the Faculty's position as the lead contributor to Ontario's regulated health professional workforce; and made significant progress in areas of equity, diversity, and inclusion through his support of curricular innovation and new initiatives such as the Diversity Mentorship Program and the Black Student Application Program.

Prior to his appointment as Dean and Vice-Provost, Professor Young was the Chair of the Department of Psychiatry in the Faculty of Medicine. He is also a Professor in the Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology, and a Senior Scientist at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH). Professor Young is an internationally recognized scholar renowned for his work on bipolar disorder and the molecular basis of mood disorders.

Professor Young is currently on a six-month administrative leave from his role as Dean and Vice-Provost until June 30, 2020. That leave will be interrupted for the duration of his Acting appointment and he will take the remaining leave following the completion of his appointment as Acting Vice-President and Provost.

As a result, I am pleased to announce that the Executive Committee of Governing Council has approved an extension of Professor Lynn Wilson's term as Acting Vice-Provost, Relations with Health Care Institutions, and the Agenda Committee of Academic Board has approved an extension of Professor Sal Spadafora's term as Acting Dean of the Faculty of Medicine; they will both serve until December 31, 2020.

Please join me in thanking Professor Young for taking up this acting role, and Professors Spadafora and Wilson for extending their acting terms as well.