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From: Professor Meric Gertler, President

Date: June 27, 2023

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

I am very pleased to announce that the Governing Council has approved the appointment of Trevor Young as Vice-President and Provost for a five-year term effective, January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2028.

Professor Trevor Young – an internationally recognized scholar on bipolar disorder and the molecular basis of mood disorders – is currently the Dean of the Temerty Faculty of Medicine, and Vice-Provost, Relations with Health Care Institutions at the University of Toronto. He chaired the Presidential and Provostial Task Force on Student Mental Health. Since being appointed Dean in January 2015, Professor Young launched a new and transformational ‘foundations’ curriculum for MD students, introduced several interdisciplinary education and research programs, advanced system-wide equity, diversity and inclusion initiatives with partner hospitals and other health sciences faculties, and led the renewal of laboratory space for the basic medical sciences. As Vice-Provost, Professor Young has overseen the University’s relationships across the Toronto Academic Health Science Network (TAHSN), a thriving research enterprise comprised of nine fully affiliated teaching hospitals and four associate member hospitals. Professor Young advanced the Temerty 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. From July to December 2021, Professor Young served as Acting Provost at the University of Toronto.

Professor Young is the recipient of numerous awards, including the 2015 Colvin Prize for Outstanding Achievement in Mood Disorders Research from the Brain and Behaviour Research Foundation, the Douglas Utting Award for outstanding contributions in the field of mood disorders, and the Canadian College of Neuropsychopharmacology Heinz Lehmann Award. He has led several large clinical programs including the Mood Disorders Program at Hamilton Psychiatric Hospital, which received the American Psychiatric Services Gold Achievement Award. In 2009, he was made a Fellow of the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences where he begins his term as President-Elect.

Professor Young received his MD from the University of Manitoba and his PhD at the Institute of Medical Science at the University of Toronto where he also completed his residency training. He was a research fellow at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine and has been a Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioural Neurosciences at McMaster University; Professor and Head, Department of Psychiatry at the University of British Columbia; and Professor and Chair of the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Toronto prior to his current appointment. 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).

I look forward to having Professor Young join the vice-presidential team.

An announcement of an Interim Dean, Temerty Faculty of Medicine, will be made in the coming days.

Finally, I would like to thank the members of the [Advisory Committee](#) for their involvement in this important process and for their thoughtful advice and guidance.