



Memorandum to: Faculty, Students, and Staff, University of Toronto Scarborough
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From: Professor Meric Gertler, President
Professor Cheryl Regehr, Vice-President and Provost

Date: December 18, 2023

Re: **Appointment of Acting Vice-President and Principal, UTSC and Acting Dean, Lawrence Bloomberg Faculty of Nursing**

We are pleased to announce that the Governing Council has approved the appointment of Professor Linda Johnston as Acting Vice-President, University of Toronto, concurrent with her appointment as Acting Principal, University of Toronto Scarborough, which was approved by the Agenda Committee at its meeting on December 12, 2023.

Professor Johnston's term as Acting Vice-President and Principal, UTSC is for a six-month term, effective January 1, 2024 until June 30, 2024, while Professor Wisdom Tetley is taking a six-month administrative leave further to the terms of his appointment.

Professor Linda Johnston is currently serving as the Dean of the Lawrence Bloomberg Faculty of Nursing, a position she has held since August 2014. She previously served as Head of the School of Nursing and Midwifery at Queen's University Belfast. Professor Johnston is an Honorary Professor at the University of Melbourne (Australia), Visiting Professor at Soochow University (China), and Distinguished Professor at the Chinese University of Hong Kong. Professor Johnston is an experienced academic administrator who will bring valuable expertise to UTSC, particularly in light of the Scarborough Academy of Medicine and Integrated Health (SAMIH).

Professor Johnston's term as Dean of Nursing was until June 30, 2024 and she is not eligible for

reappointment. As she is now taking on the Acting role at UTSC, the Agenda Committee approved the appointment of Professor Robyn Stremler as Acting Dean, Lawrence Bloomberg Faculty of Nursing, effective January 1, 2024 to June 30, 2024. Professor Stremler currently serves as the Associate Dean, Academic. She is recognised internationally for her research in the area of paediatrics and is past Director of the PhD program. The Advisory Committee for the appointment of a new Dean was announced in June and its work is well underway.

We look forward to working with Professor Johnston and Professor Stremler in their Acting roles.