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From: Melanie Woodin, President

Date: April 8, 2026

Re: **Appointment of Jeff Lennon as Chief Financial Officer**

I am pleased to announce that the Executive Committee of the Governing Council has approved the appointment of Jeff Lennon as Chief Financial Officer, effective April 13, 2026.

Jeff steps into this role at a pivotal time for the University of Toronto as we navigate a constrained fiscal environment while continuing to advance our academic and research priorities. As a member of the senior leadership team, Jeff will lead the University's Finance Division in delivering financial services to the University, continuing to modernize financial policies, procedures, and systems, ensuring accurate financial controls are in place, and producing financial reports and analysis. The CFO provides oversight of the University's investment policies, ensuring strong stewardship of our resources and aligning financial planning with our long-term institutional goals.

Jeff brings over two decades of experience in financial planning, policy, and institutional strategy across both the public sector and the University. He has served in progressively senior roles at U of T and currently holds the position of Interim Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Vice-President, Planning & Budget. In these roles, he has led the University's operating budget and long-range financial planning, strengthened financial planning processes, and supported key institutional priorities through rigorous, data-informed analysis.

Jeff's deep understanding of the University's financial model, governance structures, and funding environment positions him well to lead the Finance Division. His earlier experience with

the Ontario Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities, where he directed major funding programs and policy development, further strengthens his ability to navigate complex fiscal and policy landscapes.

Jeff is a trusted advisor and collaborative leader who brings clarity, discipline, and strong judgment to complex challenges. He builds effective partnerships across the University and delivers results that support both operational excellence and long-term sustainability.

I would like to thank Jeff for the leadership, insight, and steady support he has provided during this period of transition. His commitment and expertise have been invaluable in ensuring continuity and confidence across the University's financial operations.

Please join me in congratulating Jeff on his appointment.