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From: Melanie Woodin, President

Date: June 26, 2026

Re: **Appointment of Ron Saporta as Interim Vice-President, Facilities & Real Estate**

On June 30, 2026, Professor Scott Mabury will complete his term as Vice-President, Operations and Real Estate Partnerships (VP-OREP). Following a consultation process, an [Advisory Committee](#) recommended, and the Governing Council approved, a portfolio restructuring and creation of the [new role](#) of Vice-President, Facilities & Real Estate effective July 1, 2026.

The formal search process is ongoing; however, it will not be finalized before the end of Professor Mabury's term. To ensure leadership continuity for Facilities & Services, University Planning, Design & Construction, and Spaces & Experiences, I am pleased to announce that the Governing Council has approved the appointment of **Mr. Ron Saporta as Interim Vice-President, Facilities and Real Estate** for the period July 1 to July 31, 2026, or until the new Vice-President, Facilities and Real Estate is appointed.

Ron Saporta has been the Chief Operating Officer, Property Services and Sustainability for the St. George Campus since June 2018. He served as Acting Vice President, Operations and Real Estate Partnerships from May to December 2023 during Professor Scott Mabury's administrative leave.

Mr. Saporta has spearheaded the development of the UofT's Campus Climate Positive Strategy and secured the first public sector partnership with the Canadian Infrastructure

Bank. He has successfully delivered \$500M in decarbonization and deferred maintenance investments. He is the Co-Chair of the Committee on Environment, Climate Change and Sustainability, and his work has contributed significantly to the University's ranking as one of the top two universities in the world for sustainability by the QS World University Rankings. In 2020, he also led the University's operational response to COVID-19.

Mr. Saporta has an MBA from the University of Toronto and a Master of Engineering in Civil Engineering from the University of Waterloo.

I am very grateful to Mr. Saporta for his willingness to serve in this important leadership capacity during this transition period.