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FROM: Richard Nunn
Chair, Governing Council

DATE: April 11, 2013

RE: Reappointment of the Ombudsperson

I am very pleased to announce that, at its meeting on April 9, 2013, the Governing Council approved the reappointment of Professor Emeritus Joan E. Foley as University Ombudsperson for a further two-year term to June 30, 2015 and until her successor is appointed and takes office.

The Committee that reviewed the Office of the University Ombudsperson found that the University continues to be well-served by the Ombudsperson and her team. It found that the structure of the Office effectively enabled the Ombudsperson to focus on systemic issues while the Assistant Ombudsperson would address individual cases and inquiries. It noted that Professor Emeritus Foley "...had been appropriately proactive in areas that required the attention of the administration" and that her "...extensive experience at the University and her understanding of its structures has enabled her to raise awareness of matters and to work collegially towards potential solutions." The *Report of the Committee to Review the Ombudsperson 2012-13* is available on-line at <http://www.governingcouncil.utoronto.ca/AssetFactory.aspx?did=9641>.

Professor Joan E. Foley has served the University with great distinction over a long career, including the roles of Chair of the Department of Psychology, Associate Dean of Arts and Science, Principal of the University of Toronto at Scarborough (UTSC), and Vice-President and Provost of the University. She has served as a member of the Governing Council and as senior assessor to the Academic Board and the Planning and Budget Committee. She has been committed to advising students over the years, serving as Graduate Secretary of the Department of Psychology early in her career and later as Psychology Program Supervisor at UTSC. In recognition of her track record as a champion of the student experience, the University's Alumni Association established an annual award in her name, the Joan E. Foley Quality of Student Experience Award. In 2003 the UTSC named a student residence in her honour.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank her for her continued commitment to the University of Toronto.

For more information about the Office of the Ombudsperson, see www.utoronto.ca/ombudsperson.