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**From:** Professor Meric Gertler, President

**Date:** December 12, 2019

**Re:** **Re-appointment of Professor Cheryl Regehr as Vice-President & Provost**

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I am very pleased to announce that the Governing Council has approved the re-appointment of Professor Cheryl Regehr as Vice-President and Provost, for a four-year term, effective July 1, 2020 until June 30, 2024. Professor Regehr has been serving in the role since September 2, 2013.

This fall, an Advisory Search Committee, which I chaired, undertook a review that solicited input from a range of senior academic administrators and a broadly distributed call for comments from the University community. The feedback received was universally positive and there was unequivocal support for the re-appointment of Professor Regehr.

Under Professor Regehr's leadership the University has made significant progress on a number of key priorities covering a wide range of areas: undergraduate education, graduate education, diversity, leadership, and budget. These include: meaningful initiatives to enhance the undergraduate student experience (e.g. co-curricular record, funding for student spaces, study abroad and experiential learning opportunities); enhanced supports for graduate students including maternity benefits and an increased focus on graduate outcomes and success; fostering inclusivity through access and outreach programs, unconscious bias training for search committees, funds for faculty and postdoc diversity hires; supporting excellence in faculty and leadership through enhanced academic leadership programs, mentorship, succession planning; and, strengthening the budget landscape by addressing inter-divisional teaching, identifying alternative funding sources, continued focus on student financial aid, and strategic use of the University Fund.

Prior to taking on the position of Vice-President and Provost, Professor Regehr served in the position of Vice-Provost, Academic Programs since its inception in July 2009. From 2006 to 2009 she was Dean of the Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work. She also held the Sandra Rotman Chair in Social Work from 2003 to 2009 and filled multiple leadership roles in the Faculty including directing the Centre for Applied Social Research, the Research Institute for Evidenced Based Social Work, the Centre for Excellence for Child Welfare, and the JD/MSW Program.

Prior to beginning her doctoral studies at the University of Toronto, Professor Regehr had a professional career as a social worker, serving in multiple institutions with increasing responsibility as a practitioner and program leader, and establishing special expertise in the area of recovery from psychological trauma. She joined the Faculty of Social Work at Wilfrid Laurier University in 1995 and in 1999, Professor Regehr returned to the University of Toronto, where she was promoted to full Professor in 2004, with cross-appointments in the Faculty of Law and the Institute of Medical Sciences. Professor Regehr is currently principal investigator on research grants from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada and the Canadian Institutes of Health Research. Her 2018 book with Columbia University Press addresses the influence of stress and trauma on professional decision-making.

I am delighted that Professor Regehr will continue to serve in the crucial role of Vice-President and Provost, and I look forward to continuing to work with her on advancing the mission of the University of Toronto.