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From: Professor Meric Gertler, President

Date: December 11, 2014

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

I am pleased to announce that the Governing Council has approved the re-appointment of Professor Cheryl Regehr as Vice-President and Provost for a five and a half-year term, effective January 1, 2015 and continuing until June 30, 2020.

Professor Regehr was initially appointed as Vice-President and Provost for a term beginning September 2, 2013 and continuing until February 28, 2015, or until the position was filled following the customary review process. This fall an Advisory Search Committee, which I chaired, undertook a comprehensive review that involved a broadly distributed call for comments and advice from the University community, as well as feedback from a range of senior academic administrators. The feedback received was uniformly positive and there was wide-spread support from all quarters for the continuation of Professor Regehr in the role.

Prior to taking on the position of Vice-President and Provost, Professor Regehr had served in the position of Vice-Provost, Academic Programs since its inception in July 2009. From 2006 to 2009 she served as 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 Evidence Based Social Work, the Centre for Excellence for Child Welfare, and the JD/MSW Program.

Professor Regehr has a BA in Psychology from Wilfrid Laurier University and a Master of Social Work from the University of Toronto. Prior to beginning her doctoral studies at the University of Toronto, Professor Regehr had a 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 after receiving her Doctor of Philosophy and in 1999, Professor Regehr moved back to the University of Toronto, and was appointed full Professor by 2004, with cross-appointments in the Faculty of Law and the Institute of Medical Sciences.

Professor Regehr publishes actively, and serves on peer-review committees and editorial boards in her areas of expertise. She has been supported as a principal investigator or co-investigator on grants by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada. The co-author of four books and over 100 journal articles, she was also a three-time winner of the Faculty of Social Work's Teacher of the Year award.

Professor Regehr’s extensive and wide-ranging experience as an academic administrator, researcher, scholar, teacher and practitioner has served the University well during this transition period. During a relatively short period of time Professor Regehr has successfully tackled a number of pressing matters as well as undertaken a number of new initiatives. I am delighted to have Professor Regehr continue to play a critical role on my leadership team.