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**From:** Professor Meric Gertler, President  
Professor Cheryl Regehr, Vice-President and Provost

**Date:** October 27, 2022

**Re:** **Appointment of Professor Wisdom Tettey as Vice-President,  
University of Toronto and Principal, University of Toronto  
Scarborough**

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We are pleased to announce governance approval for the re-appointment of Professor Wisdom Tettey as Vice-President, University of Toronto and Principal, University of Toronto Scarborough (UTSC). Professor Tettey will serve a five-year term from July 1, 2023 to December 31, 2028 that will include a six-month administrative leave. Professor Tettey has served as [Vice-President, University of Toronto and Principal, University of Toronto Scarborough](#) since July 1, 2018.

An extensive review to consider Professor Tettey's reappointment was undertaken by an [Advisory Committee](#), which sought input from various stakeholders across the university. The conclusion from this review was that Professor Tettey's leadership was principled and transformative, with a deep commitment to engaging students and the community as partners. It was also noted that he has succeeded in elevating the profile of UTSC locally, nationally and internationally.

Professor Tettey was commended for advancing inclusive excellence in the areas of scholarship, faculty diversity, curriculum and classroom design, and student health and wellness; leading the growth and diversification of student enrolment; strengthening the research culture of UTSC, resulting in an increase in external grants; fostering a shared vision and increased opportunities for engagement with students; championing the Scarborough Charter which mobilized concrete action

locally and nationally to address Anti-Black racism and to promote Black inclusion; and the C.A.R.E.S. (Collective Action and Response for Everyone in Scarborough) program with the Scarborough community in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Prior to his appointment as Vice-President, and Principal, University of Toronto Scarborough, Professor Wisdom Tettey was Dean of the Irving K. Barber School of Arts and Sciences at the University of British Columbia's Okanagan campus. Professor Tettey served four years as Dean of the Faculty of Creative and Critical Studies at UBC Okanagan. He joined UBC from the University of Calgary, where he spent thirteen years, including two years in the role of Interim Dean of the Faculty of Communication and Culture. Professor Tettey began his academic career at Queen's University.

Professor Tettey holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and in Russian, as well as a graduate diploma in communication studies, from the University of Ghana. He holds a Master's Degree in Political Science from UBC and a PhD in Political Studies from Queen's University. Professor Tettey was a Killam Resident Fellow at the University of Calgary and a Visiting Research Fellow at the Ghana Centre for Democratic Development. In 2013, Professor Tettey was elected as a Fellow of the Ghana Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Professor Tettey's research interests include political economy of globalization and information technology in Africa; media, politics, and civic engagement in Africa; African higher education and the knowledge society; and transnational citizenship and the African diaspora.

Professor Tettey has been a transformative and visionary leader of UTSC and a valued colleague at the Vice-Presidential table, and we look forward to continuing to work with him. Please join us in congratulating him on his re-appointment.

Finally, we would like to thank the members of the Advisory Committee for their involvement in this important process and for their thoughtful advice and guidance.