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MEMORANDUM

To: Chairs and Directors

From: Cristina Amon, Dean

Date: March 27, 2017

Re: A Blueprint for Action: U of T Engineering's response to *Answering the Call: Wecheehetowin* — Call for Nominations

In the recently released *Answering the Call* report, the University of Toronto Steering Committee expounded on the University's primary responsibilities derived from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's *Calls to Action* for reconciliation between Canada and Indigenous peoples. Our Faculty of Applied Science & Engineering (FASE) also has responsibilities in contributing to these *Calls to Action*.

Accordingly, I am striking a Faculty-wide Steering Committee whose mandate will be to:

- Consult broadly across FASE to identify *Calls to Action* within the *Answering the Call* report for which FASE has a key role.
- Engage key Indigenous representatives and engineering educators in a participatory design approach to planning the FASE response.
- Design a Blueprint for Action to effect immediate and ongoing improvements in the relationship between FASE and Indigenous communities.

The FASE Steering Committee will build on the work done this past year by the Advisory Committee on Indigenous Engineering Initiatives & Outreach, and will be co-chaired by Jason Bazylak, Dean's Advisor on Indigenous Initiatives, and Wendy Mortimer, Director, Engineering Pathways and Indigenous Partnerships. I would like to thank the members of the Advisory Committee for their interest and efforts over the past year. The information gathered and ideas generated will be a useful foundation for the Steering Committee, and the seminars and talks organized have begun the work of raising awareness within the Faculty.

I invite nominations for faculty, staff, and student members of this Steering Committee which will begin meeting in mid-April. Members should be either from within our engineering community or work closely with us. Those identifying as Indigenous and as Allies with close ties to Indigenous communities are highly desired. Nominations for this Committee may be submitted, by email, to dean.engineering@ecf.utoronto.ca by April 4, 2017.