MEMORANDUM

To: Chairs and Directors, Faculty Administrative Managers

From: Cristina Amon, Dean

Date: February 4, 2016

Re: Announcement - Director, Engineering Pathways and Indigenous Partnerships

I am very pleased to announce that Wendy Mortimer has been appointed Director, Engineering Pathways and Indigenous Partnerships. She will coordinate a Faculty-led outreach program to First Nations, Métis and Inuit communities, with the goal of increasing the rate of participation and academic success of Indigenous students in Engineering. She will both oversee the implementation of the new Pathway to Engineering transition program, and facilitate greater integration of existing outreach, recruitment and retention initiatives, both within the Faculty and across the University, that impact Engineering students. Wendy will represent our Faculty on the Council of Aboriginal Initiatives and is our nominee for the newly forming University Committee to respond to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission’s Calls to Action.

Wendy completed her PhD in Chemical Engineering at the University of Waterloo and was an NSERC Industrial Post-Doctoral Fellow at the (former) Ontario Hydro Research Division. She started working in remote First Nation communities as a consultant for Bell Canada in 1995, then for First Nations’ organizations and most recently for the Ontario Clean Water Agency, with one year spent with the Ontario Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs. Wendy has been involved in several programs and initiatives focused on increasing educational and training opportunities for people from remote and northern communities.

Please join me in welcoming Wendy to the Faculty. She can be reached at wendy.mortimer@ecf.utoronto.ca.