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FACULTY OF APPLIED SCIENCE & ENGINEERING

Cristina Amon, Dean

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MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering

From: Cristina Amon, Dean

Date: May 18, 2018

Re: **Announcement of a Task Force on Major Research Infrastructure**

As stipulated in our 2017-2022 Academic Plan, supporting our state-of-the-art Faculty-wide multi-user research facilities is an integral part of the Faculty's vision for research excellence. Accordingly, we are striking a Task Force to evaluate the current state of our major research facilities and to devise strategies for their sustainable operation. The mandate, process, timing and membership of this Task Force are provided below.

Mandate

- 1) Review the operation of the existing Faculty-wide research infrastructure, including the services provided, and needs and availability of related expertise.
- 2) Examine best practices, both internally and externally, for the operation of research infrastructure.
- 3) Develop strategies for the sustainable and efficient operation of this infrastructure (including any resource implications) while ensuring the highest quality of service.
- 4) Recommend appropriate working groups to implement the proposed strategies.

Process

The Task Force will seek input from key stakeholders and other interested parties (i.e. department/institute Chairs/Directors, peer Faculties, users of major research infrastructure, etc.). Its findings will be documented in the form of an interim and a final report to the Dean.

Timing

- 1) Meetings and consultation: May through November 2018
- 2) Interim report submitted to the Dean: October 2018
- 3) Final report submitted to the Dean: December 2018

Membership

- Sean Caffrey, Executive Director, BioZone
- Brian Coates, Chief Financial Officer
- Elizabeth Edwards, Professor, Canada Research Chair in Anaerobic Biotechnology and Director of BioZone
- Ramin Farnood, Professor and Vice-Dean Research (Chair)
- Elaine Footman, Faculty Research Coordinator
- Giovanni Grasselli, NSERC-Foundation CMG Industrial Research Chair, Department of Civil & Mineral Engineering
- Philippe Lavoie, Associate Professor and Associate Director Research, University of Toronto Institute for Aerospace Studies
- Hani Naguib, Professor and Associate Chair Research, Department of Mechanical & Industrial Engineering
- Doug Perovic, Professor, Celestica Chair in Materials for Microelectronics and Co-director of OCCAM, Department of Materials Science & Engineering
- Arlene Smith, Director, Administration & Finance, Department of Chemical Engineering & Applied Chemistry
- Thomas Saint-Ivany, Director, Facilities and Infrastructure Planning
- Wai Tung Ng, Professor and Director, TNFC, The Edward S. Rogers Sr. Department of Electrical & Computer Engineering