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To:   Members of the Institute of Biomaterials and Biomedical Engineering  
      Chairs and Directors, Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering

From:  Cristina Amon, Dean, Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering  
       Daniel Haas, Dean, Faculty of Dentistry  
       Catharine Whiteside, Dean, Faculty of Medicine

Date:  April 26, 2013

Re:    Appointment of Director, Institute of Biomaterials and Biomedical Engineering

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Professor Christopher Yip as Director of the Institute of Biomaterials and Biomedical Engineering for a five-year term beginning July 1, 2013.

Chris joined the Department of Chemical Engineering and Applied Chemistry in 1997, was promoted to Associate Professor in 2002 and to Full Professor in 2007. He has previously served as Interim Director of IBBME from July 2007 to September 2008. Chris is a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and has received teaching awards in both the Faculty of Medicine and the Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering; he has given over 92 invited talks, authored 70 peer-reviewed publications, and 4 book chapters.

Please join us in congratulating Chris on his appointment and wishing him all the best as he takes on this important role.

We extend thanks to the following members of the Advisory Committee in this search for their time and thoughtful input:

   Professor Julie Audet, IBBME and Department of Chemical Engineering and Applied Chemistry
   Professor Tom Chau, IBBME and Department of Mechanical & Industrial Engineering
   Professor Yu-Ling Cheng, Department of Chemical Engineering and Applied Chemistry
   Professor Brian Corman, Dean of Graduate Studies and Vice-Provost, Graduate Education
   Professor Dennis Cvitkovitch, Associate Dean of Research, Faculty of Dentistry
   Professor Michael Sefton, IBBME and Department of Chemical Engineering and Applied Chemistry
   Ms. Nika Shakiba, Graduate Student, Institute of Biomaterials and Biomedical Engineering
   Professor Lidan You, IBBME and Department of Mechanical & Industrial Engineering

We also take this opportunity to extend deepest gratitude and warm thanks on behalf of the three Faculties to Professor Paul Santerre for his outstanding leadership of the Institute over the last 5 years. Paul's tireless efforts to effectively lead the management of the Institute are very much appreciated by colleagues and students alike. Please join us in thanking Professor Santerre for his outstanding contributions to the Institute and Faculties.