



UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO
FACULTY OF APPLIED SCIENCE & ENGINEERING

Cristina Amon, Dean

MEMORANDUM

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To: Chairs and Directors

From: Cristina Amon, Dean

Date: March 9, 2011

Re: **Appointment of Director, BioZone**

I am pleased to confirm the appointment of Professor Elizabeth Edwards as the inaugural Director of BioZone, effective January 1, 2011 through June 30, 2014.

As BioZone's founding Director, Professor Edwards brings a distinguished research background, strong leadership, compelling vision and a true spirit of research collaboration to this new extra-departmental unit (EDU:C).

Professor Edwards' honours include a 2009 Synergy Award for Innovation in the category of partnership with a large company. The award from the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) honoured outstanding achievements of university-industry collaboration. Professor Edwards' partnership with Geosyntec Consultants focused on the development of effective techniques for using bacteria to clean up contaminated groundwater sites; she and Geosyntec Consultants were also key partners in the creation of BioZone.

BioZone is a Faculty-wide, multidisciplinary centre for collaborative bioengineering research located in the Wallberg Memorial Building, and was approved as an EDU:C in December 2010 by Faculty Council. Its mandate is to engage in research and scholarly work in applied bioscience and bioengineering, and to provide viable technological innovation in energy, environment and health.

On behalf of the Faculty, we are very grateful for Professor Edwards' leadership and dedication to BioZone and the multi-disciplinary research that it is undertaking.