MEMORANDUM

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To: Faculty, Staff and Students, Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering

From: Cristina Amon

Date: December 2, 2014

Re: Advisory Committee, Vice-Dean Undergraduate – Call for Nominations

Following the announcement of Professor Susan McCahan’s appointment as Vice-Provost, Innovations in Undergraduate Education, effective January 1, 2015, she will end her term as Vice-Dean Undergraduate on December 31, 2014. In accordance with the Policy on Appointment of Academic Administrators, I will be forming an Advisory Committee to recommend a Vice-Dean Undergraduate. I welcome nominations for membership to this committee, which can be submitted via email to: dean.engineering@ecf.utoronto.ca, and should be received by December 9, 2014. The committee membership will be announced shortly thereafter.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Susan, on behalf of the entire Faculty, for her exemplary service and the outstanding contributions she has made to undergraduate education.

Susan has held significant administrative roles at both the Department and Faculty levels; she was Associate Chair, Undergraduate in the Department of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering from 2001-2004; Chair First Year from 2006-2011; and has served as Vice-Dean Undergraduate since 2011. She was a key member of the Curriculum Change Task Force that led to enhanced Design throughout all our curricula including the development of our First Year Design course, Engineering Strategies and Practice (ESP).

Susan is widely regarded as a leader in teaching and educational research, both within Canada and internationally, and has been recognized for this work by receiving the President’s Teaching Award, the 3M National Teaching Fellowship and the Allan Blizzard Award for Team Teaching, as well as the Engineers Canada Medal of Distinction in Engineering Education.

Although we will greatly miss Susan’s steady leadership of the Undergraduate portfolio, there is comfort in knowing that she will continue to make innovative and noteworthy contributions to the education of undergraduate students across the entire University in her new position.

Please join me in congratulating Susan on this well-deserved appointment and wishing her a rewarding journey.