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Cristina Amon, Dean

MEMORANDUM

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To: Members of the Department of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering

From: Cristina Amon, Dean

Date: May 22, 2009

Re: Appointment of Chair of the Department of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Professor Jean Zu as Chair of the Department of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering for a five-year term beginning July 1, 2009.

Jean Zu joined the Department of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering in 1994 after receiving her B.Sc. and M.Sc. degrees from Tsinghua University and her Ph.D. from the University of Manitoba. She was promoted to Associate Professor in 1999 and to full Professor in 2004.

Jean is a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME), the Engineering Institute of Canada (EIC), and the Canadian Society of Mechanical Engineering (CSME). She served as President of the CSME from 2006 – 2008, on the NSERC Grant Selection Committee from 2004-2007, and currently serves as the Associate Editor of the ASME Journal of Vibrations and Acoustics. She has authored 90 refereed publications and over 110 conference papers.

From 2007-2008, Jean represented Mechanical and Industrial Engineering on the Faculty Honours and Awards Committee. Since June 2008, she has served as Associate Chair, Research in the Department of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering. In this role, Jean has mentored junior faculty in the art of writing successful research proposals and applications and in establishing industrial collaborations. She has also worked to foster an environment of collaboration among researchers in the Department in an effort to promote interdisciplinary, team-based grant applications and projects, including the establishment of a research partnership between the Department, the Faculty and Magna International Inc.

Please join me in congratulating Jean on this appointment and wishing her all the best in this endeavour.

I extend my deep appreciation to the following members of the Advisory Committee in this search for their time and thoughtful input:

Professor Dionne Aleman, Department of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering
Professor Grant Allen, Vice-Dean, Undergraduate Studies, and Department of Chemical Engineering and Applied Chemistry
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I also take this opportunity to extend warm thanks on behalf of the Faculty to Professor Tony Sinclair for his steadfast leadership of the Department since January, 2004. The Faculty owes Tony a debt of gratitude for his commitment to the administration of the Department and for the tremendous energy he brought to the role of Chair.