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Cristina Amon, Dean

MEMORANDUM

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To: Members of the Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering

From: Cristina Amon, Dean

Date: September 8, 2011

Re: Appointment of Chair First Year

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Professor Kim Pressnail as Chair First Year for a three-year term beginning October 1, 2011.

Kim joined the Department of Civil Engineering in 1990 and was promoted to Associate Professor in 1995. He obtained his BAsC, MASc and PhD in Civil Engineering, in addition to a law degree from the University of Toronto.

Kim's primary research focus is in the area of building science and sustainability, and he was instrumental in redesigning the curriculum in Civil Engineering to integrate sustainability concepts. He developed a new course "Sustainable Building Design", which focuses on reducing the environmental impact of buildings. For his efforts in this area he was awarded the 2009 Excellence in Education Award for the Promotion of Sustainable Practices by the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

Kim has an excellent record of service in the Faculty, having served on numerous standing committees of Faculty Council as well as Associate Chair of Engineering Science where he helped to implement major revisions to the EngSci curriculum.

Please join me in congratulating Kim on his appointment and wishing him 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 Grant Allen, Chair, Department of Chemical Engineering and Applied Chemistry

Professor Bryan Karney, Associate Dean, Cross-Disciplinary Programs

Professor Mark Kortschot, Chair, Division of Engineering Science

Ms. Barbara McCann, Registrar