

Cristina Amon, Dean

MEMORANDUM 2009/10-07

To: Chairs and Directors

APSC Administrative Staff

From: Cristina Amon, Dean

Date: November 11, 2009

Re: Appointment of Acting Chair, First Year

I am very pleased to announce the appointment of Professor Mark Kortschot as Acting Chair, First Year for a six-month term, from January 1, 2010 to June 30, 2010. During this period, Professor Susan McCahan will be on a six-month administrative leave.

Professor Kortschot received a BASc in Engineering Science, as well as a MASc in Chemical Engineering from the University of Toronto, and his PhD from the University of Cambridge. He joined the University of Toronto in the Department of Chemical Engineering and Applied Chemistry in 1988, and was promoted to full Professor in 1998.

Mark brings a wealth of administrative experience to the role of Acting Chair, First Year, having served the Department of Chemical Engineering and Applied Chemistry as Associate Chair, Coordinator of Graduate Studies (1997-2003), as well as Associate Chair, Coordinator of Undergraduate Studies (2005-2007). He was one of the seven-person team that won the 2007 Alan Blizzard Award for the development and implementation of the Engineering Strategies and Practice (ESP) program and has team-taught in ESP.

We are extremely grateful that Mark will serve as Acting Chair, First Year. His appointment will provide continuity and vision to ensure that the Faculty's outreach, recruitment and first-year activities progress successfully. We are also thankful to the Department of Chemical Engineering and Applied Chemistry for assisting us with these arrangements.

Please join me in thanking Mark on his willingness to take on this important role in the Faculty.