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Teaching and Administrative Staff, Students, and Alumni
Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering
University of Toronto

Dear Colleagues,

The University of Toronto commissions periodic external reviews of Faculties and programs as part of its commitment to quality assurance. These reviews provide an unparalleled opportunity to secure the expert advice of leaders in the field concerning academic and administrative issues and to assess our performance against other leading international programs. The final report of the reviewers and the response of the Dean to the review are presented to University governance and are made broadly available to faculty, staff, students, alumni and community partners. The review helps to provide guidance for quality improvement and future directions.

I am pleased to inform you that an external review team for the Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering has been established and will be visiting the Faculty from **December 4-6, 2023**. Its members are:

- **Nora de Leeuw**, Executive Dean, Faculty of Engineering and Physical Sciences, Leeds University
- **Jim A. Nicell**, Dean, Faculty of Engineering, McGill University
- **Ishwar Puri**, Senior Vice President of Research & Innovation, University of Southern California

I have attached, for your information, a copy of the terms of reference for the review.

We will be working closely with the Dean's Office to arrange the schedule for the review visit, including meetings with a broad range of constituencies that will provide the reviewers with the opportunity to hear a wide range of views.

Comments and suggestions from teaching and administrative staff, students, alumni and members of the Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering community are welcomed. These may be submitted through our website, here: <https://www.vpacademic.utoronto.ca/provostial-review-comments/>

Sincerely,

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Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering 2023-2024 Provostial Non-UTQAP Review Terms of Reference

The *Terms of Reference* provide the framework of the review report. Reviewers are asked to comment explicitly upon the following:

1. The consistency of the Faculty's academic plan with the University's long-range plan, in particular, the Faculty's commitment to excellence in teaching and research.
2. Progress towards the Faculty's academic priorities, including the capacity to meet opportunities and challenges ahead successfully.
3. The appropriateness of the approach to undergraduate and graduate education, and its enhancements to support students' academic experience.
4. The effectiveness of the Faculty's efforts to foster a strong culture of excellence and achievement in research and scholarly activity, including the effectiveness of support structures.
5. The effectiveness of the Faculty's internal organizational and financial structure including the appropriateness of resource allocation with respect to budget, faculty complement, infrastructure and advancement.
6. The scope and nature of the Faculty's relationships with other University of Toronto campuses and divisions.
7. The scope and nature of the Faculty's contributions to and influence on local, national and global initiatives, industry collaborations, and alumni partnerships.
8. Extent to which initiatives have been undertaken to enhance the accessibility (e.g., for students requiring physical or mental health accommodations) and diversity (including underrepresented groups) of the Faculty in the areas of academic programs, student and faculty complement and recruitment.