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From: Professor Meric Gertler, President

Date: October 28, 2022

Re: **President's Advisory Committee on the Appointment of a Vice-President, Communications**

On October 7, 2022, I had indicated that David Estok had [retired](#) from his position as Vice-President, Communications effective September 30, 2022. At its meeting on September 7, 2022, the Governing Council approved the [appointment](#) of David Palmer as Interim Vice-President, Communications, effective October 1, 2022, and until a new Vice-President, Communications is appointed.

Following [a call for nominations](#), I am pleased to announce that the membership of the Advisory Committee, which I will chair, is as follows:

- Mr. Philippe Devos, Director, Media Relations
- Professor Juan Du, Dean, John H. Daniels Faculty of Architecture, Landscape, and Design
- Ms Indi Gopinathan, alumna member of the Governing Council
- Professor Linda Johnston, Dean, Lawrence S. Bloomberg Faculty of Nursing
- Mr. Scott MacKendrick, alumni member of the Governing Council
- Professor Jan Mahrt-Smith, Rotman School of Management, teaching staff member of the Governing Council
- Ms Julia Oosterman, Executive Director, Marketing and Communications, University of Toronto, Scarborough

- Professor Akwasi Owusu-Bempah, Department of Sociology, University of Toronto Mississauga
- Ms Linda Quattrin, Executive Director, Communications, Temerty Faculty of Medicine
- Professor Sandy Welsh, Vice-Provost, Students
- Professor Melanie Woodin, Dean, Faculty of Arts and Science
- Dr. Nadina Jamison, Chief Strategy Officer, Office of the President (non-voting, *ex officio*)

In addition, following a formal Request for Proposals and a rigorous selection process, we have engaged the firm of [Boyden](#) to assist the Advisory Committee in its work.

The Advisory Committee's first task will be to undertake a review and advise me on priorities that the Committee should consider for the next Vice-President, Communications and qualities that should be sought in the next Vice-President, Communications to ensure execution of the mandate. Submissions should be sent by **5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 9, 2022** using the [online form](#). Responses will be confidential to the Committee. Comments may also be submitted in confidence to Mr. Michael Naufal, Managing Partner, Boyden, at mnaufal@boyden.com by the same deadline.

Following input on mandate and qualities, a call for nominations and a position profile will be distributed. Questions should be directed to Ms Sheree Drummond, Secretary of the Governing Council, (sheree.drummond@utoronto.ca or 416-978-2118).