



*Cristina Amon, Dean*

2015-16/01

## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Members of the Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering  
**From:** Cristina Amon, Dean  
**Date:** July 23, 2015  
**Re:** **Announcement of a Task Force for Mental Health Strategies**

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With the recent release of the University of Toronto's Mental Health Framework, it is an appropriate time for our Faculty to look critically at the mental health support systems available to our students.

The Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering is striking a Task Force to create an inventory of the existing activities and resources that foster good mental health for our students, assess their effectiveness, and propose a FASE mental health framework consistent with best practices within the University and other comparable higher education institutions. The mandate, process, timing and membership of the Task Force are provided below.

### **Mandate**

1. Identify and review the mental health support systems and resources that the Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering currently provides in-house or facilitates through the University
2. Review the current initiatives and strategies that promote mental health within the University of Toronto and externally, and assess their effectiveness
3. Recommend a mental health strategy and implementation plan for the Faculty that aligns with the University's new Mental Health Framework
4. Recommend appropriate working groups to implement the proposed strategy and plan

### **Process**

The Task Force will seek input from key stakeholders and other interested parties (i.e. department/institute Chairs, Associate Chairs, and counsellors, staff at Health and Wellness, and other Faculties and colleges within the University). Its findings will be documented in the form of a report to the Dean. If required, a motion based upon the report (in its entirety or in modified form) will be submitted to Faculty Council for approval.

### **Timing – July 2015 through January 2016**

1. Create Task Force: July 2015
2. Meetings and consultation: July 2015 through November 2015
3. Final report submitted to the Dean: December 2015
4. Task Force recommendations submitted for administrative approvals: January 2016

### **Membership**

- Thomas Coyle, Vice-Dean, Undergraduate (Task Force Chair)
- Markus Bussmann, Vice-Dean, Graduate Studies
- Jim Davis, Associate Chair, Division of Engineering Science, Senior Lecturer, Institute for Aerospace Studies
- Mark Kortschot, Chair, Division of Engineering Science, Professor, Chemical Engineering & Applied Chemistry
- Tom Nault, Faculty Registrar
- Estelle Oliva-Fisher, Assistant Director, Student Experience & Teaching Development
- Peter Weiss, Senior Lecturer, Engineering Communications Program
- Name Pending: Engineering Society Representative