Cristina Amon, Dean

MEMORANDUM 2015-16/11

To: Members of the Institute for Aerospace Studies

Chairs and Directors

From: Cristina Amon, Dean

Date: April 21, 2016

Re: Appointment of Director, Institute for Aerospace Studies

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Professor Christopher J. Damaren as Director of the University of Toronto Institute for Aerospace Studies (UTIAS) for a five-year term beginning July 1, 2016.

Chris Damaren joined UTIAS in 1999, and was promoted to Associate Professor in 2003, and to full Professor in 2010. He received his BASc, MASc and PhD degrees from the University of Toronto. Chris is a Fellow of the Canadian Aeronautics and Space Institute (CASI), and an Associate Fellow of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA). He has given 26 invited talks, authored 68 refereed journal papers; 79 conference papers and 1 textbook.

Chris has a record of outstanding administrative service at the Institute and Faculty level. He has served as Associate Director of UTIAS on 2 occasions, from 2006 – 2008, and again from 2015 to present. He has also served the Faculty as Vice-Dean, Graduate from 2008-2013.

Please join me in congratulating Chris on this 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 Tim Barfoot, Institute for Aerospace Studies

Professor Markus Bussmann, Vice-Dean, Graduate Studies and Department of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering

Ms. Joan DaCosta, Administrative Staff, Institute for Aerospace Studies

Professor Jim Davis, Institute for Aerospace Studies

Professor Gabriel D'Eleuterio, Institute for Aerospace Studies

Mr. Jonathan Gammell, Graduate Student, Institute for Aerospace Studies

Professor Ömer Gülder, Institute for Aerospace Studies

Professor Phillipe Lavoie, Institute for Aerospace Studies

Professor Goldie Nejat, Department of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering

Professor Angela Schoellig, Institute for Aerospace Studies

I also take this opportunity to extend deepest gratitude and warm thanks on behalf of the Faculty to Professor David Zingg for his outstanding leadership of UTIAS over the last 10 years.