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To: Members of the Department of Medicine

From: Catharine Whiteside
Dean, Faculty of Medicine
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Re: Appointment of Professor Gillian Hawker as Chair, Department of Medicine

I am pleased to announce that the Agenda Committee of the Academic Board has approved the appointment of Professor Gillian Hawker as Chair of the Department of Medicine for a 5-year term effective July 1, 2014.

Gillian Hawker is a Professor in the Department of Medicine, cross-appointed to the Institute of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation. She is Senior Scientist at the Women's College Research Institute and Adjunct Senior Scientist at the Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences. She holds a staff appointment in the Department of Medicine, Division of Rheumatology at Women's College Hospital where she is Physician-in-Chief of Medicine and holds the FM Hill Chair in Academic Women's Medicine.

A clinician scientist, Dr. Hawker has an established record of academic excellence and is widely recognized as a leading clinical epidemiologist and health services researcher in the field of osteoarthritis outcomes. She has continuously received peer-reviewed research funding from CIHR since 1994 and has published more than 200 peer-reviewed articles in high-impact journals. She has served as a member of numerous academic and governmental advisory committees. She is a founding member of the Arthritis Alliance of Canada and a member of the Board of the International Society for Osteoarthritis Research. In 2013 Professor Hawker was recognized by The Arthritis Society of Canada for her contributions to osteoarthritis research with a Queen's Jubilee Medal. Her contributions to mentorship were recognized with the Department of Medicine's 2013 Robert Hyland Award for Mentoring. As Chief of Medicine at Women's College Hospital, the first fully-ambulatory teaching hospital in Toronto, Dr. Hawker has been instrumental in establishing a solid foundation to support innovations in models of ambulatory care and health professional education to improve the interprofessional care of patients with complex medical needs.

Professor Hawker graduated from medical school at the University of Toronto in 1984. She completed Residency training in Internal Medicine, followed by Rheumatology, including an Arthritis Society of Canada training fellowship, at the University of Toronto. She subsequently completed a master's degree in Clinical Epidemiology at the University of Toronto before joining Women's College Hospital and the Faculty of Medicine in 1993.

Please join me in congratulating Professor Hawker on her appointment.

I extend my sincere thanks and gratitude to Professor Wendy Levinson for her outstanding leadership of the Department of Medicine for the past ten years.