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To: Principals, Deans, Academic Directors and Chairs

From: President Meric S. Gertler

Date: February 2, 2015

**Re: Appointment of the Senior Presidential Advisor on International Initiatives**

I am delighted to announce the appointment of Professor Janice Gross Stein as Senior Presidential Advisor on International Initiatives for a two-year term effective 1 March 2015. In this role, Professor Stein will provide leadership in addressing a key presidential priority to enhance our international activities, partnerships, and engagement for our students and faculty. She will chair a new academic advisory committee on international initiatives, which will be charged with developing the institution's international strategy in concert with divisional leaders, and with considering different models for implementing this strategy. Professor Stein will work closely with colleagues across the University to achieve these goals.

Professor Stein is very well known to the University of Toronto community, having served as the inaugural Director of the Munk Centre for International Studies and subsequently the Munk School of Global Affairs from 1998 to 2014. She is the Belzberg Professor of Conflict Management in the Department of Political Science, a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada and a member of the Order of Canada and the Order of Ontario. Her publications include *Networks of Knowledge: Innovation in International Learning* (2000), *The Cult of Efficiency* (2001), *The Unexpected War: Canada in Kandahar* (2007), and *Innovating for the Global South* (2014), and well over 130 scholarly articles and book chapters.

Professor Stein's work has received accolades nationally and globally. She was the Massey Lecturer in 2001 and was named a Trudeau Fellow in 2003. She was awarded the Molson Prize by the Canada Council for her outstanding contributions as a social scientist to public debate. She is an Honorary Foreign Member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and has been awarded honorary doctorates by the University of Alberta, the University of Cape Breton, McMaster University, and the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

As one of Canada's leading experts on conflict management, negotiation, and the politics of the Middle East, she is a much sought-after advisor, commentator and public intellectual. She has been a frequent advisor to governments nationally and internationally, on foreign policy, peacekeeping, conflict resolution, international security, human rights and democracy.

I am delighted that Professor Stein has agreed to take on this important new role within the University. Please join me in welcoming her.