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To: Faculty, Staff and Students of the Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work
Principals, Deans, Academic Directors and Chairs

From: Cheryl Regehr, Vice-President and Provost

CC: President Meric Gertler
The Bulletin

Date: October 24, 2014

Re: **Reappointment of Professor Faye Mishna as Dean, Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work**

I am delighted to announce that the Agenda Committee of Academic Board has approved the appointment of Professor Faye Mishna for a second term as Dean of the Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work, from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2020.

The advisory committee received and reviewed feedback from faculty, staff and students of the Faculty of Social Work, the broader University, and community partners of the Faculty. This feedback, as well as input from an external review team and from the Committee members, was strongly supportive of reappointing Professor Mishna for a second term.

The support for Professor Mishna's reappointment reflects her dedication to outstanding leadership since her appointment as Dean of Social Work in 2010. She has been responsible for oversight of the design and implementation of the Faculty's Academic Plan and has made significant progress towards meeting the objectives of the strategic directions it set out. During Professor Mishna's first term as Dean, the Faculty has made innovations in program delivery, strengthened simulation-based approaches to teaching and assessing students, and committed to expanding involvement with other health professions and programs.

As Dean she has continued to perform as a gifted administrator and scholar. Dean Mishna is recognized for her ability to foster collaboration between the Faculty and community agencies, enhancing the Faculty's mission of practice-informed research and research-informed practice. She has also participated in the development of new programs that address student mental health and well-being on our campuses such as *Counseline* and *Mindfulness*. Under her leadership the Faculty has upheld its reputation as the finest social work teaching and research institution in Canada, and one of the top ranked faculties of social work in the world.

Professor Mishna holds the Margaret and Wallace McCain Family Chair in Child and Family. Her research is focused on bullying; cyber abuse/cyber bullying and cyber counselling; school-based interventions for students with learning disabilities; and social work education and clinical practice. Professor Mishna is a member of the National Framework Review Committee of the Child and Youth Advisory Committee of the Mental Health Commission of Canada. She is also a Fellow of the International Academy for Research in Learning Disabilities.

Please join me in congratulating Professor Mishna on her reappointment.