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**A Message from President Lenton:  
Announcement of Appointment of Chief of Staff**

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I am very pleased to announce the appointment of Neville McGuire as Chief of Staff in the Office of the President, effective today. An experienced executive advisor and strategist, Neville has served in a variety of positions within Ontario's government, postsecondary and not-for-profit sectors over the last decade, providing leadership in the areas of public affairs and policy development, government and stakeholder relations, issues management, strategy and development, and office and project management.

A senior advisor to multiple provincial cabinet ministers, Neville most recently served as Director of Communications to Ontario's former Deputy Premier and Minister of Advanced Education and Skills Development. In this capacity, he advised on communications, strategic issues management and policy, and directed a comprehensive communications and marketing campaign for the revamped Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP).

Prior to that he was Senior Communications Advisor to Ontario's Minister of the Environment and Climate Change—a role in which he helped to lead the development and implementation of Ontario's climate change agenda, including its *Climate Change Action Plan*. From 2012 to 2015, he managed communications and advocacy activities for the Ontario Chamber of Commerce, and before that served as Senior Policy and Communications Associate at the University of Toronto's Mowat Centre. He holds a Master's of Communication and a BA in Mass Communication from Carleton University.

As Chief of Staff, Neville will be a key member of my leadership team, leading the Office of the President in managing and responding to a wide range of internal and external matters. In addition to providing direction and oversight of the management of the administrative, financial, human resources, facilities and planning functions of the Office of the President and the Division of the President, he will advise and support me and the senior management team on strategic pan-university initiatives, and will work across all areas of the organization in ensuring that York University achieves its mission, vision and priorities.

I look forward to Neville's contribution as a member of my senior leadership team and toward the advancement of our strategic priorities and the enhancement of the important relationships with our internal and external communities.

Please join me in congratulating and wishing him well in this new role. I know he will enjoy the support of colleagues across the University.



Rhonda L. Lenton, PhD  
President and Vice-Chancellor

