



UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO
FACULTY OF MEDICINE

MEMO

To: DLSPH - Full time Tenure, tenure-stream and CLTA faculty members, Associate Directors, Division Heads and administrative staff

From: Drs. Cathy Whiteside, Louise Lemieux-Charles, Andrea Sass-Kortsak

Re: Meeting of the core faculty of the DLSPH, on Sept 2, 2010

Date: August 23, 2010

The Dalla Lana School of Public Health became an Extra-Department Unit – A, in 2008. As such, the expectation of the University is that it is working diligently toward achieving independent and accredited status as a school of public health. Over the last two years, steps have been initiated towards this end with the establishment of Divisions and the MPH degree program with increased enrolment this year. New faculty recruitments have been undertaken and are continuing.

Nevertheless, much strategic planning is required to achieve the original vision and cohesion among the Divisions. As the School is in transition with Interim leadership, it is opportune to carefully evaluate the challenges and opportunities. To this end, the Provost has approved the terms for an external review that will be undertaken this Fall. This process requires a self-study of the education, research and supporting infrastructure of the School that is initiated now by the Associate Directors and Division Heads with oversight by the Interim Director and Vice Dean Graduate Education. The self-study will require input from faculty, staff and students at the School and we appreciate your cooperation and engagement in this important process.

On Sept 2 we will hold a meeting of the core faculty including the tenure, tenure-stream and CLTA faculty members, and staff to discuss the next steps for the School, focusing on the nature of the external review, its importance and possible outcomes. The self-study and report of the external reviewers will be very helpful to prepare for the search for a new Director of the School that will commence by the end of 2010.

We invite you to join us to share your views and allow us to address questions of relevance to you and to the School.

Date: Thursday, September 2, 2010

Time: 12 (noon) to 1 PM

Location: DLSPH, 155 College Street, 6th floor, room 610