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*Cristina Amon, Dean*

**MEMORANDUM**

**2009-07**

**To:** Members of the Edward S. Rogers Sr. Department of  
Electrical and Computer Engineering

**From:** Cristina Amon, Dean

**Date:** May 22, 2009

**Re: Appointment of Chair of the Edward S. Rogers Sr.  
Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering**

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I am pleased to announce the appointment of Professor Farid N. Najm as Chair of the Edward S. Rogers Sr. Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering for a five-year term beginning July 1, 2009.

Farid joined the Edward S. Rogers Sr. Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering in 1999. He received his B.E. degree from the American University of Beirut, and his M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Electrical Engineering from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Prior to coming to U of T, Farid held a faculty position at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (1992-1999). He also worked in the private sector, at the Semiconductor Process and Design Centre at Texas Instruments (1987-1992).

Farid is a fellow of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE). He holds 2 patents; he has authored 3 books, 36 journal publications and over 90 conference proceedings.

From 2004-2007, Farid served as Vice-Chair of the Edward S. Rogers Sr. Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering. In this role he was responsible for administrative leadership of the Department's Awards Committee, the Mentoring program and the Research Computing Task Force. Working closely with the Chair, he played a key role in implementing the current governance structure of the Department and provided valuable input to Departmental budget planning and academic hiring.

Please join me in congratulating Farid on this appointment and wishing him a rewarding journey.

I extend my deep appreciation to the following members of the Advisory Committee in this search for their time and thoughtful input:

Professor Paul Chow, Edward S. Rogers Sr. Department of Electrical and Computer  
Engineering

Professor Will Cluett, Chair, Division of Engineering Science and Professor, Department of Chemical Engineering and Applied Chemistry  
Mr. Jason Grenier, graduate student, Edward S. Rogers. Sr. Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering  
Professor Frank Kschischang, Edward S. Rogers Sr. Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering  
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Mr. Eugene Polistuk, Alumnus, Department of Electrical Engineering  
Professor Joyce Poon, Edward S. Rogers Sr. Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering  
Professor Ali Sheikholeslami, Edward S. Rogers Sr. Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering  
Professor J.J. Berry Smith, Vice-Dean, Students, School of Graduate Studies  
Professor Safwat Zaky, Vice-Provost, Planning and Budget and Professor, Edward S. Rogers Sr. Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering  
Mr. Adam Zarek, undergraduate student, Edward S. Rogers Sr. Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering

On behalf of the Faculty I extend warm thanks to Professor Jonathan Rose for his dedication and thoughtful leadership of the Department over the past 5.5 years. Jonathan's tireless efforts to ensure the effective and efficient management of the Faculty's largest Department are commendable and very much appreciated by colleagues and students alike.