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Dear faculty colleagues,

The past few weeks, with the unwelcome global spread of COVID-19, have been particularly challenging for all of us at the University of Toronto. In these uncertain times, we'd like to pause for a moment to thank each one of you for your hard work and dedication in supporting our students, and each other.

This has not been an easy month, as the university closed its doors and moved its courses online. But, as committed teachers and scholars, all of you accepted the unforeseen challenges and moved quickly to adapt – researching innovative teaching methods, revising curriculum delivery and, in some instances, altering marking schemes. This entire undertaking has been monumental, and you achieved it under less-than-ideal circumstances. We know and appreciate that many of you are working from home and, in some cases, juggling child care, elder care, family issues and self-isolation.

You have gone above and beyond, demonstrating resilience and determination as you continue to find ways to connect with students, and uphold our mission to foster an academic community in which the learning and scholarship of every member may flourish. We are grateful for the dedicated community we have at UTM, and we know we will get through this together. Please know that the extraordinary efforts you have made during this difficult time are deeply appreciated. Thank you.

Best regards,



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