MEMORANDUM

To:	Members of the Department of Computer Science Science Associate Deans, Chairs, Directors
From:	Charmaine Dean, Dean of Science
Date:	June 9, 2016

Subject: **John Barron Appointed as Acting Chair of Computer Science, 2016-2017**

I am very pleased to announce John Barron's appointment as Acting Chair of the Department of Computer Science for one year, effective July 1, 2016.

John Barron received his MSc and PhD in Computer Science from the University of Toronto, and has been teaching in the Department of Computer Science at Western since 1989. Professor Barron has served in a variety of capacities in addition to his teaching duties, including service on a wide variety of committees. Professor Barron was also Associate Chair of the Department of Computer Science from 2008-2011.

Throughout his tenure at Western, Professor Barron has made important contributions to the Department of Computer Science by developing a Data Analysis and Visualization course, as well as assisting in the creation of three diploma programs.

As Acting Chair, Professor Barron will work with the Department to develop a strategic plan to guide its growth in the coming years. A Fall Departmental retreat will provide the Department with an opportunity to give this topic focused attention. Besides managing the growth of the undergraduate and graduate programs, Professor Barron will lead and engage with the Department on the recruiting of more international students to Computer Science's undergraduate program and publicizing the department's research activities in order to strengthen the international reputation of the Department. Professor Barron will also take an active role in the ongoing renovation plans to Middlesex College.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the Department of Computer Science for your engagement in the selection of an Acting Chair. I also thank you in advance for making sure that the Acting Chair is successful in his role and for making the year ahead a very productive one for Computer Science.