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**Date:** February 12, 2021  
**To:** Chemistry faculty, staff  
**From:** Gerarda Darlington, Interim Dean  
**Re:** Chemistry Chair Announcement

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I am very pleased to let you know that Professor Kathryn Preuss has agreed to serve as Chemistry Chair following a competitive search process that began in December. Kathryn will begin a five-year term effective March 1, 2021. Kathryn's experience and dedication to both the Department of Chemistry and the University of Guelph are tremendous assets. I look forward to working with Kathryn to advance Chemistry's priorities.

I would also like to thank Kathryn for her role as interim chair since June 2020. She has guided the Department through challenges we have faced as an institution by COVID-19, and following the loss of a wonderful colleague and friend, Paul Rowntree.

Additionally, I would like to thank both Kathryn and France-Isabelle Auzanneau for their energy in preparing outstanding public presentations per the chair search – the work and vision that each candidate outlined is a clear reflection of the significant aptitude and culture of support that exists in the Department of Chemistry, which is a great benefit for the University of Guelph. Thank you for your time and service to the department. Finally, I would like to thank the Search Committee for their time, engagement, and guidance during this process.

Please join me in welcoming Professor Preuss into this key leadership role in CEPS and at University of Guelph. A College-wide memo will be sent shortly announcing the new Chemistry Chair.

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