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Dear Colleagues,

I am writing today to share an important announcement in support of York University’s ongoing efforts to build a more equitable and inclusive community.

I am pleased to share that Professor Carl E. James has accepted the position of Senior Advisor on Equity and Representation to the University, as part of the Division of Equity, People and Culture, effective August 1, 2020. In this newly created role, he will support the advancement of equity, diversity, and inclusion throughout the University.

An exceptional colleague in the Faculty of Education, Prof. James is recognized in Canada and around the world for his decades of work in equity in relation to race, class, gender, racialization, and immigration and citizenship. He will provide strategic advice, and work to guide the development of a University Equity Plan, while advising on matters of significance to racialized students, faculty, and staff.

I am delighted that Prof. James has accepted this new role and I look forward to collaborating with him on the many important initiatives which are needed to advance our shared goals of equity, diversity and inclusion at York.

Sincerely,

Sheila Cote-Meek
Vice-President Equity, People & Culture