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John McGrath appointed acting president of MacEwan University

Edmonton – Ione Challborn, chair, MacEwan University Board of Governors has announced that John McGrath, vice-president, Resources and People, will serve as the university's acting president while a search committee undertakes a search for the university's next president. McGrath assumes his new role on July 4, 2019.

In addition to various administrative and academic support roles, McGrath has held a variety of leadership positions at the university over his 30-year career, including vice-president, Information and Communication Systems and chief information officer.

His accomplishments have been recognized with several awards from MacEwan University for service, leadership and innovation. McGrath holds a master's degree in Distributed Learning from Royal Roads University and has been recognized as an Exemplary Leader by the Academic Leadership Academy.

While in the role of interim president, he will also oversee the university's information technology, finance and facilities functions.

McGrath replaces Dr. Deborah Saucier, who was recently named president and vice-chancellor at Vancouver Island University.

Founded in 1971, MacEwan University inspires its students with a powerful combination of academic excellence and personal learning experiences. Offering more than 65 programs including undergraduate degrees, applied degrees, diplomas, certificates, continuing education and corporate training, the university provides a transformative education in a creative, collaborative and supportive learning environment where creativity and innovation thrive. Located in Edmonton, Alberta Canada, MacEwan University offers a unique student experience that opens up diverse pathways for achievement and growth.