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MacEwan University appoints its sixth president and vice-chancellor

MacEwan University is proud to announce Dr. Annette Trimbee has accepted the position of president and vice-chancellor. Dr. Trimbee is highly regarded in her current role as president and vice-chancellor at the University of Winnipeg (UWinnipeg) where she has served since 2014. She will take on the role as MacEwan's sixth president during a transformative period in the university's history.

"I believe that MacEwan holds a unique space in Alberta's post-secondary system. For nearly 50 years, MacEwan graduates have made a real difference in our city, throughout our province and around the world. I'm looking forward to working with faculty, staff and students to continue to inspire our community with the MacEwan story," says Dr. Trimbee.

Dr. Trimbee holds a PhD (ecology) from McMaster University, an MSc (botany) from the University of Manitoba and was a postdoctoral fellow (zoology) at the University of Alberta.

She has long-standing ties to Edmonton. In addition to her time as a postdoctoral student at the University of Alberta, she spent nearly 30 years in the city building a distinguished career with the Government of Alberta. During this period, she held a number of senior leadership positions, including appointments as deputy minister with Advanced Education and Technology and the Treasury Board and Finance.

"Dr. Trimbee is an accomplished leader and innovator with a proven track record of success both within Alberta's public service and as president of the University of Winnipeg," says Carolyn Graham, board chair of MacEwan University. "She is a tremendous asset for MacEwan and will lead our university community forward as we continue to evolve and define our identity."

After an extensive national search conducted by Boyden, Dr. Trimbee's appointment was the unanimous choice of the MacEwan University Board of Governors.

Dr. Trimbee will assume her new role at MacEwan in August. Upon her commencement, Dr. Trimbee will take up an academic appointment as professor in the Department of Biological Sciences.

Over the next few months, Acting President John McGrath will lend his expertise and knowledge to the incoming president to assist her in transitioning into her new role. Board Chair Graham expressed her appreciation of John McGrath for his dedication over the last year, stewarding MacEwan University through a time of change.

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.

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