MacEwan University names two new Board members

Edmonton—John Day, Chair of MacEwan University’s Board of Governors is pleased to announce the appointment of James (Jim) Gillespie and Ross Harris to the Board of Governors effective October 17, 2012 for a three year term ending October 16, 2015.

Jim Gillespie holds a Chartered Accountant designation and a Bachelor of Commerce from the University of Alberta. He is a partner in Meyers Norris Penny’s Edmonton office and has had a distinguished career in the field of finance delivering a wide range of taxation and business advisory solutions to his clients.

Jim has served and continues to serve on many professional, community and volunteer boards as a director, governor, and member of audit committees. Among these are the Centre for Family Literacy, the Glenora Rotary Club, and the Jasper Healthcare Foundation. Jim has agreed to serve as Chair of the Finance Committee and as such is a member of the Audit Committee and the Investment Committee.

In addition to holding a Bachelor of Commerce and having an FCA designation, Ross Harris has completed the Institute of Corporate Directors Education Program (ICD.D). He is Chief Resource Officer to the Bermuda Hospitals Board, which raises funds in support of scholarships for students pursuing health care studies.

Ross has also had a long involvement at the governance level of organizations focused on mental health services for infants, children, adolescents and their families. He has served on several hospital and community health boards and was the first private citizen to receive the Alberta Medical Association’s Medal of Honour in recognition of his contributions. Ross also brings governance experience within the post-secondary sector having served on the NAIT Board of Governors and chaired its Finance and Audit Committee. Ross will serve on the Audit Committee as well as the Governance and Human Resources Committee.

MacEwan University would like to thank Oryssia Lennie and Bill Johnson who have served on the Board for the past six years.

Founded in 1971, MacEwan University is proudly celebrating its 40th anniversary. As a comprehensive university it offers more than 65 programs including undergraduate degrees, applied degrees, diplomas, certificates, continuing education and corporate training. Its philosophy of inspiring minds, providing career opportunities and opening the doors to academic excellence, continues to be its guide as it serves the educational needs of students across Alberta, Canada and the world.

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