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Deborah Saucier to be officially installed as MacEwan University’s president

Edmonton – The official Installation of a new university president is rare, but steeped in history. Dr. Deborah Saucier will be formally installed as the MacEwan University’s fifth president on November 21 during the university’s fall convocation ceremonies.

The installation ceremony is the public acknowledgement of a new president’s appointment by the Board of Governors.

“Deborah is the right leader to take over the presidency at MacEwan University,” said Ione Challborn, chair, of MacEwan’s Board of Governors. “MacEwan has matured as an undergraduate, student-focused university and our new president is the person to move us forward.”

During the ceremony, the new president will be asked to take an oath of office by the chair, Board of Governors. After the oath is taken, the new president is then invested with the robes of office. University president’s select a unique robe that they wear to academic celebrations. President Saucier’s robe will include many details that will showcase her Indigenous roots.

Before joining MacEwan University, Saucier was at the Ontario Institute of Technology in Oshawa (OITO), Ontario, where she was the provost and vice-president academic and the former dean of science. Prior to her time at OITO she was the chair of the Department of Neuroscience at the University of Lethbridge and a Tier 2 Canada research chair in behavioral neuroscience, with a specialty in spatial cognition.

When: November 21
Time: 9:30 a.m.
Where: Francis Winspear Centre for Music (Corner of 102 Avenue and 99 Street, Edmonton)