MacEwan University reappoints dean of the Faculty of Arts and Science

Edmonton – John Corlett, vice-president Academic and provost at MacEwan University, announced Dr. Craig Monk’s decision to serve a second term as dean of the Faculty of Arts and Science.

Dr. Monk’s reappointment comes with strong support from across the campus, demonstrating his respected leadership as dean of the university’s largest faculty. Over his first term, the Faculty of Arts and Science increased enrolments in both the Bachelor of Arts and the Bachelor of Science programs, a significant accomplishment considering the challenges many universities face in drawing students to liberal arts and science programs.

With the growth in student numbers, the Faculty of Arts and Science also welcomed new staff, and is now home to more than 180 tenured and tenure-stream faculty.

“Dr. Monk presents compelling cases for the importance of hiring in vital areas across the humanities, social sciences and natural sciences,” said Corlett. “The administrative culture of the faculty has also grown under his guidance, as he effectively advocates for collaborative decision-making and collegial governance.”

Dr. Monk has managed to balance his duties as dean with his successful scholarship in modern American literature and publishing history, funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council. He’s also taken on key duties for the university’s Board of Governors in collective bargaining with the Faculty Association, and represents MacEwan nationally at the Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences.

Dr. Monk has also accepted the new role of senior advisor to the provost, as part of restructuring the Office of the Provost at MacEwan. The reframing of the office will also include hiring an associate vice-president, students in the coming months and changing the vice-provost role to the associate vice-president, research and teaching.

“I will be leaning on Dr. Monk’s many years of leadership at MacEwan, and previously at the University of Lethbridge, to help guide Academic Affairs,” said Corlett. “We will work together to develop our faculty relations environment, to innovate our strategic planning and budget processes and to build on our commitment to effective collegial governance.”

Dr. Monk’s current term as dean will end in April, when he will leave to work full time on refocusing his research, as he plans to eventually return to the classroom. He will serve his second term as dean from 2019 to 2024.

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