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MacEwan University announces a new Chief of Staff

Edmonton—MacEwan University President, David Atkinson is pleased to announce that Margaret Leathem has been named Chief-of-Staff. Leathem joins the university from the Department of Innovation and Advanced Education.

“We are fortunate to have Margaret join the President’s Office in this vital role,” said David Atkinson, President, MacEwan University. “Margaret’s experience in the post-secondary sector and her many roles in government will be very beneficial to MacEwan University.”

As the Director of Legislation and Governance Leathem was responsible for both public sector and private sector legislation governing the advanced learning system, including the Post-secondary Learning Act. In this role Leathem also worked closely with public post-secondary institution boards on governance related initiatives in efforts to promote effective and transparent governance practices for public agencies.

Leathem’s long standing career with the Government of Alberta has permitted her to be part of the initiatives that are now at play at post-secondary institutions. “In my government role, I have watched MacEwan University transition by creating a distinct identity as an undergraduate teaching university,” said Leathem.

As well as working locally with post-secondary institution partners on such things as the Campus Alberta Open Education Resources Steering Committee, Leathem has worked at the Pan-Canadian level with the Council of Ministers of Education on credit transfer and on the OECD international assessment of numeracy, literacy, and problem-solving.

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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