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Ione K. Challborn named Board Chair

Edmonton – Ione K. Challborn has been named chair of the Board of Governors at MacEwan University. Challborn is the executive director of the Canadian Mental Health Association – Edmonton Region. She has a strong background as an advocate for women, having served as executive director of the Edmonton Women’s Shelter (WIN House) and Yellowhead Emergency Shelter for Women.

“I am deeply honoured to chair the board and look forward to working with students, stakeholders, fellow board members and the community to ensure MacEwan University continues its proud tradition as a first-class post-secondary institution,” said Challborn.

“We are fortunate to have Ms. Challborn as our new board chair,” said David Atkinson, president, MacEwan University. “Public members play an essential role in stewarding the university and ensuring the interests of the institution are represented.”

The chair represents the Board of Governors to the minister of Advanced Education. “Ms. Challborn’s wealth of experience with boards and her proven commitment for advanced learning will help ensure MacEwan University continues to be responsive to the needs of learners,” said Marlin Schmidt, Minister of Advanced Education. “I also want to thank interim chairs Enzo Barichello and Carolyn Graham for their contributions and for serving in this important role while the recruitment took place.”

The chair of the board at MacEwan University is appointed for a term of up to three years and is eligible for reappointment to a second three-year term. The chair is a voluntary role and no honorarium is paid. The chair and board members are reimbursed for allowable expenses as per institutional policy.

Post-secondary boards are responsible for guiding the future of the institution and are accountable for ensuring public funds are used effectively and appropriately. Challborn’s term as board chair is effective March 29, 2017.

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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