

Acadia University Welcomes First Vice-Provost

Scott Duguay appointed to new Vice-Provost role designed to improve student experience, recruitment, and retention.

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Wolfville, NS (May 7, 2019) -- Acadia University President and Vice-Chancellor Dr. Peter Ricketts today announced that the University has named Scott Duguay, Vice-Provost effective July 1. The Vice-Provost Students, Recruitment and Enrolment Management is a new role for Acadia that is responsible for student recruitment, a wide range of student services and supports on campus, the student residence experience, and student persistence.

“On behalf of the entire Acadia community, I want to welcome Scott to our campus and to our community,” said Ricketts. “His impressive record of success at both St. Thomas and Bishop’s Universities in increasing student enrolment, retention, and fostering environments where students are accountable for their own success, is a perfect fit for Acadia. Scott understands our highly personalized and engaged

learning model and I know he will bring new ideas that will benefit students and energize our faculty and staff. I want to thank the search committee for their excellent work in attracting Scott to Acadia.”

The new Vice-Provost role arose from a review of Acadia’s academic, student support, and enrolment management structures completed by Ricketts in 2018. The report recommended the creation of this position as one means of better aligning university resources to ensure Acadia continues to offer students an excellent academic experience while providing the right support structures on campus that enable them to persist through to graduation. This position is in wide use throughout today’s post-secondary sector and recognizes the increasingly important connection between student academic success and student support services.

Duguay holds a Bachelor of Business Administration from the University of New Brunswick and a Masters Certificate in Project Management from the Schulich Executive Centre. A former Student Union President at UNB Fredericton, he joined UNB Fredericton’s student recruitment team in April 2002 where he advanced to Associate Executive Director and, in 2009, he was appointed Special Assistant to the Vice-President Fredericton (Academic) where he was responsible for developing campus-wide strategies for improving the student experience. In September 2012, he joined Bishop’s University as its Director of Enrolment Management then, in May 2014, he returned to Fredericton when he was appointed Associate Vice-President, Enrolment Management for St. Thomas University where he is responsible for a team of 75 staff and students engaged in domestic and international recruitment, admissions, residence life, and student services.

“I am honored to have been selected to serve as Acadia’s Vice-Provost,” said Duguay. “Acadia is a spectacular institution; with its dedicated leadership, exceptional faculty, and first-rate staff working in concert, Acadia is primed to serve as a model institution for primarily undergraduate education in Canada. I am thrilled to join a community entirely devoted to providing its students a profound and valuable education they can employ to gain fulfilling lives and purposeful careers.”

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