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Prestigious Appointment for University of Winnipeg Vice-President: Deane Called to Queen's University

WINNIPEG— University of Winnipeg President Lloyd Axworthy announced in the Closed Session of The University of Winnipeg's Board of Regents meeting on Monday, May 2, 2005 that Vice-President (Academic) & Provost Patrick Deane had been appointed to the position of Vice-Principal (Academic) at Queen's University. The Queen's University Board met on May 7, 2005 to ratify the decision and make the announcement public.

"Patrick has provided uncommon leadership to our institution during his term, overseeing the elimination of the debt, the University's first surplus budget in a decade, and the Strategic and Academic plans," said Axworthy. "Integrity and a strong moral compass have been the hallmarks of his time with us. We are honoured to have worked with him and celebrate his appointment to such a prestigious Canadian university."

In 1978, after studying law and English literature at the University of the Witwatersrand, Deane emigrated to Canada. He completed his master's degree in English in 1979 and began teaching at the University of Western Ontario. Deane received his PhD from Western in 1985. After a two-year assistant professorship at the University of Toronto, he returned to the University of Western Ontario where he earned tenure in 1993. He became chair of the Department of English in 1997. Deane became the Vice-President (Academic) at The University of Winnipeg in 2001 and took on the role of the University's Acting President in 2003 until the arrival of Lloyd Axworthy in May 2004.

"I am honoured that Queen's University has chosen to appoint me to this position, and I look forward eagerly to the rewards and challenges that providing academic leadership in one of Canada's foremost institutions of higher learning will undoubtedly bring," said Deane. "At the same time I leave The University of Winnipeg grateful for all that I have enjoyed in the last four years: friendship and support amongst students, staff, faculty and administration, the opportunity to contribute to the health of higher education in Manitoba, and--most important--our numerous successes as an academic community. That they will continue I am quite confident."

Deane leaves his post as Vice-President (Academic) & Provost (a position created in Fall 2004) June 30, 2005.

Located in the heart of downtown, The University of Winnipeg is a compact, diverse, multicultural academic community committed to access and excellence. Ranked by our graduates in Maclean's magazine University Graduate Survey (November 15, 2004) in the Top Ten of all Canadian universities when asked about their "Entire Educational Experience," UWinnipeg is home to more than 8,700 full- and part-time students.

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