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David Fitzpatrick: UWinnipeg's New Dean of Arts

WINNIPEG—Dr. David Fitzpatrick was recently appointed The University of Winnipeg's new Dean of Arts marking the start of an exciting period in the faculty's development.

"We are fortunate to have within our ranks such capable faculty who excel in both scholarship and administration; David is acknowledged as an expert in motor behaviour and development and his emphasis on inclusive physical education makes him a leader in his field," said President Lloyd Axworthy.

Since arriving at The University of Winnipeg in 1990, Fitzpatrick has taught in, and chaired, the Department of Kinesiology & Applied Health. For the past two years he has served as Acting Associate Dean of Social Science, and as Acting Associate Dean, Associate Dean, and Acting Dean in the Faculty of Arts.

"I am very much looking forward to working with, and for, the department chairs, faculty members, staff, and students of the Faculty of Arts; and to continue the implementation of the Academic and Strategic Plans, during this most positive and rapid period of transition for the University of Winnipeg," said Fitzpatrick.

Fitzpatrick's appointment as Dean of Arts follows a robust research and teaching career focused on the study of Motor Behaviour, which includes Physical Growth and Motor Development, Motor Learning, Motor Control and Adapted Physical Activity.

Prior to coming to the University of Winnipeg, Fitzpatrick spent 15 years as a physical educator and a motor skills resource teacher in Winnipeg School Division, and served as a physical education consultant at the Manitoba Department of Education for one year.

Fitzpatrick has observed and established motor skills programs for numerous children, youth, and adults, with various abilities and disabilities. His pedagogical and research interests relate to the observation, assessment, instruction, acquisition, and performance of basic movement and sport skills, Inclusive Physical Education, and Developmental Coordination Disorder.

Fitzpatrick holds Bachelor degrees in Education and Physical Education; certificates in teaching and special education; Master's of Education degrees in Educational Administration and Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Manitoba; and a PhD from the University of Alberta. Fitzpatrick was the 2003 recipient of the R. Tait McKenzie Award of Honour from the Canadian Association for

Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance, the Association's highest honour.

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