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New chair appointed to lead the Campus Alberta Quality Council

*Edmonton...*Dr. Ron Bond has been appointed new chair of the Campus Alberta Quality Council by Advanced Education Minister Denis Herard. His three-year appointment to the 11-member council is effective immediately. The Campus Alberta Quality Council is an arms-length quality assurance body that conducts in-depth and rigorous reviews of all new degree programs in Alberta and makes recommendations to the Minister of Advanced Education. The council helps ensure the national and international recognition of Alberta's post-secondary degrees.

Bond has a diverse background and much experience in Alberta's advanced education system. During a

33-year career at the University of Calgary, he was a Professor of English, Head of the Department of English, Dean of the Faculty of Humanities and most recently, Provost and Vice President, Academic. He has demonstrated strong commitment to academic leadership at the university in many roles throughout his career.

"Dr. Bond's extensive experience at many levels of Alberta's post-secondary system makes him an ideal choice to lead Alberta's agency for the quality assurance of degrees," said Herard. "His great wisdom and integrity will undoubtedly contribute to the council's mandate and well respected reputation."

In addition to his work at the University of Calgary, Bond has a long track record of serving his community. His positions include terms as Vice-President of the Social Sciences and Humanities Federation of Canada, President of the Canadian Association of Chairs of English and President of the Canadian Conference of Deans of Arts, Humanities and Social Science.

Dr. Bond has a PhD in English from the University of Toronto. He also has an associateship in piano from the Royal Conservatory of Music and in organ from the Royal Canadian College of Organists.

For more information on the Campus Alberta Quality Council, visit www.caqc.gov.ab.ca

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