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New Chair appointed to lead the Campus Alberta Quality Council

Edmonton... The Alberta government has appointed Dr. Olive Yonge as the new Chair of the Campus Alberta Quality Council, effective immediately. Dr. Yonge has served on the council since 2011 and was the Vice Provost of Academic Programs at the University of Alberta from 2005 to 2010.

The Minister of Enterprise and Advanced Education, Stephen Khan, recommended Dr. Yonge's appointment.

"I am pleased Dr. Yonge has been appointed as Chair," said Minister Khan. "She has an array of experience as a nurse, an educator and as part of the council. I am confident that the skills and leadership abilities she has developed in these roles has prepared her well to take on this opportunity as leader of this council."

Dr. Yonge is currently a Professor in the Faculty of Nursing and holds a Vargo Chair in Teaching. She is also a 3M Teaching Fellow, and served in Associate Deanships in the Faculties of Graduate Studies and Research, and Nursing.

Among her many accomplishments, Dr. Yonge has published in numerous scholarly journals, guided more than two dozen master's and Ph.D. students, and facilitated and presented at more than 200 events.

Dr. Yonge received her Ph.D., her master's degree, as well as her B.Sc. in Nursing at the University of Alberta and began her nursing practice in 1971. She became an instructor three years later, initiating her lifelong career as a teacher.

The Campus Alberta Quality Council, established in 2004, is an arms-length quality assurance agency that makes recommendations to the Minister of Enterprise and Advanced Education on applications from post-secondary institutions seeking to offer new degree programs in Alberta.

The council also conducts periodic evaluations of approved degree programs to ensure that quality standards continue to be met. The council is committed to ensuring the national and international recognition of Alberta's degrees.

"At the end of the day, the only thing that really counts in higher education is reputation," said Janet Paterson-Weir, Provost and Executive Vice President Academic of Grant MacEwan University. "The CAQC process has helped MacEwan University attain national recognition for the quality of its programs and faculty."

The council also works closely with other provinces in pan-Canadian quality assurance initiatives. More information about the Campus Alberta Quality Council can be found at www.caqc.gov.ab.ca/.

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