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Laurier appoints new dean of music

Anne Hall, a member of the faculty of music at Wilfrid Laurier University in Waterloo since 1976, has been appointed dean of music.

The announcement was made today following approval by the university's board of governors.

When the five-year term becomes effective July 1, Hall will be responsible for Ontario's third-largest music program with 240 full-time students.

For the last year, Hall has been distinguished visiting professor of music at Mills College in Oakland, California.

In 1987, she was named the first associate dean: academic in Laurier's faculty of music. As such, she was responsible for the academic advising of all students and assisted the dean with course assignments for faculty and other administrative duties.

Hall was director of theory for 12 years and director of academic counselling for eight years. She had also served a six-month term as acting dean in 1985.

She was instrumental in establishing Laurier's honors bachelor of music therapy program, the first in Canada.

Gordon Greene, who has been dean of music for the last 10 years, said Hall has been a very valuable member of the faculty, both through her teaching and her contribution to curriculum development.

"I'm sure she will continue to contribute significantly," said Greene, who will return to regular teaching duties after a year-long administrative leave.

Hall taught at Mars Hill College in North Carolina, the University of Michigan and Saint Olaf College in Minnesota before joining Laurier in 1976.

The 54-year-old Detroit native received her bachelor of music in music history and literature from the University of Michigan in 1956 and then studied in Paris and Fontainebleau for three years.

In 1963, she earned her master of music in music history and literature and in 1971, her doctorate in musicology.