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Laurier dean elected president of national association

Waterloo (Nov. 10) — Barry McPherson, dean of graduate studies and research, and director of instructional development at Wilfrid Laurier University, will serve as president of the Canadian Association of Graduate Studies beginning Jan. 1.

He was elected to the one-year term at the annual meeting of the association in Ottawa earlier this month.

The association meets to share information, to foster the enhancement of graduate education in Canada, and to work with related organizations to ensure that high quality graduate programs are available in Canada. It is comprised of deans and assistant deans from every member institution of the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada, as well as representatives of graduate students associations and granting councils.

McPherson served on the executive committee of the association for three years and is currently chair of the Ontario Council on Graduate Studies.

He has been dean of graduate studies and research, and director of instructional development at Laurier since 1987.

An active researcher, McPherson's interests include the sociology of sport and the sociology of aging. He has written or edited eight books, including *The Social Significance of Sport* in 1989, *Aging as a Social Process* in 1990, and *Aging: Canadian Perspectives* (with Victor Marshall) in 1994.