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Marsden appointed President of Toronto's York University

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WATERLOO, Ontario - The Chair of Wilfrid Laurier University's Board of Governors, Betty Sims, has announced that President and Vice Chancellor Dr. Lorna Marsden has been named President of York University in Toronto. Dr. Marsden will complete her full term at Laurier on July 31, 1997.

"Although we are pleased that Dr. Marsden will take the leadership of Canada's third-largest university, we recognize that her departure is a great loss for Laurier," Sims said. "Dr. Marsden is a committed and dedicated individual who worked tirelessly to raise Laurier's profile. As President, she brought a determination and desire to make this university one of the best in the country. Her contributions, both professionally and personally, were recognized across the country and her appointment at York is reflective of her accomplishments at Laurier," she said.

Appointed Laurier's fourth President in 1992, Dr. Marsden's term in office marked a period of enhanced stature and success for the University. Under her leadership, Laurier has been recognized as one of the leading smaller universities in the country with a solid reputation for undergraduate teaching, and a growing reputation for scholarship and research.

The evaluation committee for the President will work over the next six months and make a recommendation to the Board of Governors for Dr. Marsden's replacement.