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Laurier re-appoints Rowland Smith vice-president: academic

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WATERLOO – Wilfrid Laurier University has appointed Rowland Smith to a second five-year term as the University's chief academic officer. At a meeting in June the Board of Governors approved Smith's reappointment to the post of vice-president: academic.

Vice-president: academic is the University's second-highest post. Along with guiding Laurier's various faculties and schools, Smith oversees such areas as the library, student services, Laurier International and the new Laurier Brantford.

"During his first term, Dr. Smith proved to be an outstanding academic administrator of his large and complex portfolio," said Laurier president Bob Rosehart. "In particular, he has led the charge for the internationalization of Laurier. We are delighted that he will continue his stewardship of academic and related-matters for another five years."

Smith came to Laurier in 1994 from Dalhousie University, where he was dean of arts and social sciences. In his first term at Laurier, he helped decentralize the budget process, successfully managed the academic budget during a period of funding cuts and safeguarded faculty positions.

A proponent of international experience and exposure, he has overseen the development of Laurier's international programs. During his first term, the number of exchange agreements with non-Canadian institutions has quadrupled, as have the number of students participating in exchange agreements.