

NEWS RELEASE

Wilfrid Laurier
University



Don Baker to head education's new quality assessment secretariat

For Immediate Release

**June 06, 2001
46-01**

**Contact: Michael Strickland
Manager, Media Relations & Information
(519) 884-0710 ext. 3070**

WATERLOO – A former vice-president: academic from Wilfrid Laurier University has been appointed the first director of the Postsecondary Education Quality Assessment Board Secretariat. Donald N. Baker will begin his one-year secondment to the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities on June 11.

As director of the secretariat, Baker will have overall responsibility for providing staff support to the Quality Assessment Board. The board has statutory responsibility for advising Dianne Cunningham, minister of training, colleges and universities, on applications for degree-level programs at new institutions and for applied-degree programs at colleges of applied arts and technology.

“Laurier applauds the ministry’s decision to appoint Dr. Baker to this very important position,” said Laurier President Robert Rosehart. “Don has proven himself an able leader with a long track record in assessing the quality of postsecondary education programs.”

Baker’s career has included terms as president of Mount Royal College in Calgary from 1980 to 1989 and as vice-president: academic at Laurier from 1989 to 1994. Most recently he has been professor of history and acting dean of arts and science at Laurier.

Baker has also served on the faculty of Stanford University, Michigan State University and the University of Waterloo. He holds a bachelor of arts in history and international studies from the University of British Columbia, as well as a master of arts and doctorate in history from Stanford University.