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Laurier employee elected first president of Learning Specialists Association of Canada

WATERLOO – Michael Lisetto-Smith, manager of the Study Skills and Supplemental Instruction Centre at Wilfrid Laurier University, was elected the first president of the Learning Specialists Association of Canada.

Lisetto-Smith has led the Learning and Study Skills Association of Ontario and Quebec since 2007 and was instrumental in leading a national team of learning specialists to create the new national association. His appointment runs until May 2013.

“This is a very significant accomplishment in Canadian post-secondary education. With particular attention today in Canadian universities and colleges on student learning and success, Michael's leadership efforts to establish LSAC will promote further inquiry and mutual sharing of student affairs/faculty partnership best practices to promote student engagement,” said David McMurray, Laurier's vice-president of Student Affairs.

The Learning Specialists Association of Canada (LSAC) provides a professional association for post-secondary employees involved in the instruction of learning strategies and study skills to support student learning. LSAC's purpose is to promote the professional status of learning specialists across Canada through the development of sound professional and ethical standards and professional development opportunities, including national and regional conferences, training opportunities, and opportunities to present, publish, and disseminate research.

“I look forward to working with my colleagues to continue building LSAC as the professional association for learning specialists in Canada,” said Lisetto-Smith. “It is essential for those providing learning development consultations or coordinating student academic success programs to have access to a professional association that provides ethical standards, professional development opportunities, and the ability to conduct and publish research.”

More information about LSAC can be found online at www.learningspecialists.ca. More information about Laurier's Learning Services can be found online at www.wlu.ca/learning.