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## Deborah MacLatchy reappointed as Laurier's vice-president: academic and provost

WATERLOO – The Board of Governors of Wilfrid Laurier University has appointed Deborah MacLatchy, vice-president: academic and provost, to a second five-year term. Her current term runs until June 30, 2014. Her next term runs from July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2019.

"Deb is an exceptional leader and a cherished colleague," said Max Blouw, Laurier president and vice-chancellor. "I am delighted that we will continue to serve the university together in the coming years."

During her first term MacLatchy played a lead role in many initiatives, including the establishment of Laurier's first Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences, the launch of the Laurier Institute for Water Science and the Laurier Centre for Women in Science, and the advancement of the university's research agenda.

She also facilitated a new Academic Plan and the Academic Working Group of the Multi-Campus Governance process for the university. MacLatchy also established an Aboriginal Initiatives portfolio for the university.

As vice-president: academic and provost, MacLatchy oversees the strategic and operational management of the academic functions of the university, including the management of Laurier's seven faculties and the Brantford campus, its departments and programs, as well as the library network. Her portfolio also includes services designed to support teaching and learning such as Teaching Support Services, as well as Recruitment and Admissions, the Registrar's Office, international programming and Information Technology Services.

"I am very pleased to have been reappointed to the position of vice-president: academic and provost at Laurier. I look forward to continuing our collective efforts to further the academic priorities of the university," said MacLatchy.

MacLatchy was recently named one of Canada's Most Powerful Women for 2012 in a Top 100 list compiled by the Women's Executive Network (WXN), and is past chair of the science directors of the Canadian Rivers Institute.

A distinguished biologist with extensive experience in research, teaching and administration, MacLatchy joined Laurier in 2007 as the first female dean of the Faculty of Science.

In addition to her management role at Laurier, MacLatchy dedicates a large portion of her time to conducting her own research, which is primarily focused on the effects of contaminants on aquatic ecosystems, and supervising her graduate and undergraduate students, postdoctoral fellows and research staff. She receives funding from many agencies, including The Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC), has published more than 75 peer-reviewed publications in her field, and is co-developer of a patent to extract commercially-viable compounds from pulp mill wastes.