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Brandon University appoints Dr. Deborah Poff as 16th President and Vice-Chancellor

BRANDON, MB – The Brandon University Board of Governors is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Deborah Poff as the 16th President and Vice-Chancellor of Brandon University. Dr. Poff, a Professor of Philosophy, comes to Brandon University from the University of Northern British Columbia, where she was the founding Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Science and served for 10 years as the Vice-President Academic and Provost. Dr. Poff’s appointment at BU will become effective on August 1, 2009 for a five-year term.

“Dr. Poff has an exceptional record in the areas of administration, teaching, research and service” says BU Board of Governors Chair Rich Lonstrup. “She has the experience, reputation, commitment and desire to lead Brandon University in its continued growth and development. The university community looks forward to working with Dr. Poff to continue to build on our strengths.”

“Brandon University has a rich and long-standing tradition of serving its community through personalized education, research and service,” says Dr. Poff. “I look forward to serving in the facilitation of strengthening and broadening that tradition in the complex global context which is university education and research in the 21st century.”

Dr. Deborah Poff is a Professor of Philosophy, cross-appointed to the School of Business and Political Science Departments at the University of Northern British Columbia (UNBC). In 1993, Dr. Poff joined UNBC as the founding Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Science and served for 10 years as the Vice-President Academic and Provost. She served in 2004-05 as the Sheldon Chumir Fellow in Public Policy doing research on ethical leadership and the future of university governance.

Dr. Poff has a Ph.D. from the University of Guelph in Philosophy, an M.A. from Carleton University, a B.A. (Hons.) from Queen’s University and a B.A. (Hons.) in Psychology from the University of Guelph.

During her career, Dr. Poff co-founded and continues to edit two international peer-reviewed academic journals, the Journal of Business Ethics and the Journal of Academic Ethics.

Her areas of research are: leadership; business and professional ethics, and healthcare ethics. As well, she does research on social justice issues and women’s studies. In 1995, she was awarded a lifetime honorary membership by the Canadian Research Institute for the Advancement of Women in the category of “outstanding contribution to feminist scholarship”.

Dr. Poff serves and has served on numerous national and international boards and councils and is currently the President-elect of the National Council on Ethics in Human Research. As well, she is currently the Vice-President Development with the Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences.

Dr. Poff is married to Dr. Alex Michalos, SSHRC Gold medalist and current Chancellor of the University of Northern British Columbia. Both are very excited to be coming to Brandon University.

Dr. Poff will be Brandon University’s first female President and Vice-Chancellor.

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