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## New Senior Management Appointments at Heritage College

The Heritage College Board of Governors and its Executive Committee are pleased to announce three new senior management appointments. Jo Anne Werner has been appointed to the position of Academic Dean—Interim (Vice-President—Interim/*Directrice des études par intérim*) for a one-year period effective July 31, 2006, filling the vacancy left by Kim C. Tysick, who has been granted a leave of absence to pursue professional activities.

Jo Anne Werner first joined Heritage in June, 2000 as Associate Academic Dean for Regular Education. In that capacity, her main responsibilities were the management of the teaching resources, the coordination of academic budgets, the library, and various other academic supports.

Prior to coming to Heritage College, Ms. Werner held a number of increasingly responsible positions at Mohawk Valley Community College (Utica, New York), culminating with her appointment as Executive Director of Educational Technology in 1997. In that role, she was responsible for the supervision of 25 full-time staff and over 60 part-time people; she was also managing a budget in excess of \$1 million. Her responsibilities included the management of two college libraries, the college website, the learning center, the faculty training center, and all distance education offerings, both web-based and video-based.

As Academic Dean—Interim at Heritage College, Ms. Werner's new challenges will include leading key initiatives to assist both the students and the community. Among other projects, in conjunction with the Regional Association of West Quebecers, Heritage College will be developing an "Enriched French Course Program" for anglophone Nursing students that will encourage graduates to work in the Gatineau region. In addition, the College will be working to develop articulation agreements with area universities for all of its programs in the career sector.

Maurice Lafleur has been appointed Associate Academic Dean—Interim for Regular Education to fill the vacancy resulting from Ms. Werner's appointment during the coming academic year. Mr. Lafleur brings with him over three years of experience as Associate Academic Dean for Continuing Education at Heritage and, before that, as Director of the School of Technology at La Cité Collégiale in Ottawa. One of his priorities in his new role will be to assist in the implementation of tools that will streamline the creation of teachers' workloads and students' timetables at the College.

Joining Heritage for the first time is Lise Bénard, who has been appointed Associate Academic Dean—Interim for Continuing Education during Mr. Lafleur's absence. On leave from the Western Quebec School Board, Ms. Bénard comes to the College with extensive experience in marketing, developing and implementing customized training for business and government agencies. As a result, included in her priorities for the coming year will be the development of new markets for the training offered by the Heritage College Centre for Continuing Education.

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