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Heritage College Board Renews Academic Dean's Mandate



The Heritage College Board of Governors is pleased to announce that, at its most recent meeting, it renewed the mandate of Kim C. Tysick as Academic Dean (Vice-President/*Directrice des études*) for a second five-year term, to take effect on April 25, 2006.

Ms. Tysick was first appointed Academic Dean of the College in April, 2001. An employee of Heritage College since the 1980's, Ms. Tysick was Associate Academic Dean (Interim) for several months immediately prior to her appointment as Academic Dean. Since originally joining the staff of the College as a faculty member, her roles have included five years as an Academic

Advisor and Recruitment Officer and then six years as Education Advisor. Her teaching background spans an eleven-year period from 1981 to 1992 and includes experience at the post-secondary, secondary and elementary levels.

In her role as Academic Dean of West Quebec's only English cégep, Ms. Tysick is responsible for the overall academic administration of the College. More specifically, her responsibilities include: evaluation of teaching, student learning and programs; management of human, material and financial resources related to teaching; supervision of educational planning; development and management of institutional academic policies.

Since her initial appointment as Academic Dean, Ms. Tysick has demonstrated strong leadership, providing Heritage College with new directions that are appreciated by students and teachers alike. She has maintained clear directions, sound objectives, provided unprecedented support to teachers and staff, and initiated action plans filled with energy. A few of her major activities have included: mandating the development of a "Position Paper regarding General Education at Heritage College" which is now being used as a reference document for program development, managing the evaluation and revision of existing programs, overseeing the development of new courses, improving opportunities for ongoing professional development for faculty, mobilizing the launch of a college-wide orientation process to welcome new students, and rallying the College community to increase student retention by cultivating an environment geared to student success. In addition, she has led a number of major fundraising efforts for the Heritage Development Fund, resulting in more than \$50,000 being donated to the College for the improvement of student facilities and equipment.

Some of the new challenges Ms. Tysick will undertake in her second term will arise from the recommendations in Heritage College's three-year Strategic Plan and in its Student Success Plan as they relate to the academic programs and activities at Heritage.

Heritage College offers many pre-university and career programs leading to diplomas or attestations of college studies. For the latest information about Heritage, be sure to visit www.cegep-heritage.qc.ca.

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