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Kim Fenwick Appointed Vice-President Academic and Research

Following a national search, Kim Fenwick has been appointed Vice-President (Academic and Research) at St. Thomas University.

“Professor Fenwick is a highly professional, operations-focused leader with a deep knowledge of St. Thomas University, including its people and the many opportunities before us,” said Dawn Russell, St. Thomas University President and Vice Chancellor.

“Her integrity and consistent focus on our collective best interests will be invaluable to the university. I know that each part of our university community—faculty, staff, and students—are looking forward to working with her as she undertakes this new and challenging role.”

Russell said that from the perspective of the search committee, which was supported by the feedback from the university community, Fenwick possesses the necessary skills in the academic domain, from excellence in teaching and a strong research record, to experience in academic planning and program development. In addition to these strengths, over the past several years Fenwick has demonstrated a high degree of competency in administration as Chair of the Department of Psychology, Dean of Social Sciences and Acting Vice-President (Academic and Research).

Fenwick holds a BSc from Acadia and an MA and PhD from Western. She joined St. Thomas’s Department of Psychology in 1995. She served as Chair of that department for seven years and has served or chaired numerous Senate and University committees. She was appointed Dean of Social Sciences in 2012 and Acting Vice-President (Academic and Research) in early 2016. She is the author of numerous scholarly publications and was the winner of the University’s Teaching Excellence Award in 2006.

“I am honoured to have been selected for this position and look forward to continuing my service to the University. Over my 21-year history as a faculty member and then an administrator, I have developed a deep appreciation for the St. Thomas community where faculty, staff and administration have a common focus on providing a first-rate liberal arts education for undergraduate students,” said Fenwick.

The five-year appointment is effective July 1, 2016.

She fills the position following the appointment of Barry Craig as Principal of Huron University College in London, Ontario.

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