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Two new deans join SIAS

Senior academic leaders recruited for nursing, business divisions

August 24, 2005 – Faculty and students heading back to school this fall at SIAS include new deans of nursing and business. Netha Dyck, who has held key nursing and health-related positions in Manitoba, has joined SIAS as dean of nursing. Diane Reed, a former Saskatchewan resident who has held senior academic positions in British Columbia, is returning to the province as dean of business and entrepreneurial studies at SIAS.

“Netha is a dynamic leader with 30 years of diverse health care management experience in acute care, long-term care and continuing education in both urban and rural settings,” says Claude Naud, SIAS’s vice president, programs. “Diane’s experience in innovative educational settings is well suited to SIAS and to the upcoming establishment by SIAS of a centre for business and entrepreneurial studies. Her focus on partnerships and community involvement, along with her background in distance education, will serve her especially well here in Saskatchewan.”

Dyck is responsible for 14 nursing and continuing nursing education programs offered through SIAS’s Saskatoon, Regina and Prince Albert campuses and extensively through distance education. Approximately 1,300 students are registered in SIAS nursing programs on a full- or part-time basis. Reed is responsible for more than 20 business and agriculture programs, serving 1,300 full- and part-time students at all SIAS campuses and through distance delivery, and drawing an additional 7,500 individual course registrations. In addition, the Business and Entrepreneurial Studies Division also offers general academic courses delivered through other divisions.

“I am very pleased to have this opportunity to provide leadership in preparing our students for the challenging and rewarding profession of nursing, as well as in providing innovative continuing nursing education programs,” says Dyck. “Together with our staff, educational partners and employers, we will continue to build on our strong reputation for high-quality, responsive and relevant programming and pursue creative opportunities for program development and delivery.”

"I'm looking forward to working with faculty and community partners to ensure that business and related programming at SIAST continues to set the standard for quality and responds to student and community needs, making a significant contribution to individual lives and to the economic health of Saskatchewan," says Reed.

Dyck is a former president of the Manitoba Association of Registered Nurses, was the chapter chair of the Canadian College of Health Service Executives and a committee chair with the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Manitoba. She has been recognized with awards from both provincial and national nursing organizations. Most recently, Dyck was director, personal care home program with the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority.

Reed has held several senior academic leadership positions with the British Columbia Open University, Open Learning Agency and the BC Ministry of Education, Skills and Training. Recent appointments include the dean of business, health and human services, dean of open college, and dean of health and human services programs. Reed is pursuing doctoral studies at the University of British Columbia.

SIAST is Saskatchewan's primary public institution for post-secondary technical education and skills training, recognized nationally and internationally for its expertise and innovation. Almost 12,000 students are registered in SIAST programs, which touch every sector of the economy; additionally, the organization draws more than 27,000 individual course registrations. It operates campuses in Moose Jaw, Prince Albert, Regina and Saskatoon, and provides a number of courses and programs through distance education.

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