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Acting Board Chair Named

Richard W (Dick) Wilson, vice-chair and public member of the Board of Governors, will serve as acting chair of the board, effective today, September 1, 2015. Former chair, Douglas Goss, served in this role from February 2, 2012 before stepping down on August 31, 2015.

Dick will serve as acting chair until the minister of Innovation and Advanced Education appoints a new chair through an order-in-council.

Dick is a long-time governor with extensive committee service on the board. This includes:

- Alumni Council Representative on the Board of Governors: 2007 - 2010
- Chair, Board Audit Committee: 2008 - 2009
- Chair, Board Human Resources and Compensation Committee: 2009 - 2010
- Public Member of the Board of Governors: 2012 - 2015, reappointed (second term) 2015 – 2018
- Vice-Chair, Board of Governors: 2013 - 2015 (appointed June 2013)
- Chair, Board Finance and Property Committee: 2012 – present
- Member of the Board Audit Committee: 2012 – present; vice- chair since 2013
- Member, Board Human Resources and Compensation Committee, 2012 – present
- Member, Presidential Search Committee, 2014



Dick attended the University of Alberta in a combined BA/LLB program graduating in 1974 with a Bachelor of Arts (Economics major) and a Bachelor of Laws in 1975. He articulated with Parlee, Irving, Henning, Mustard and Rodney and had a civil litigation practice with that firm until his retirement from Parlee McLaws LLP in 2013. His practice included a number of corporate, shareholder and partnership disputes as well as construction claims, product and professional liability cases and he served for three years as the firm's Managing Partner. With the Law Society of Alberta, Dick served for three years on the Conduct Committee, eight years on the Practice Review Committee and three years as a Practice Assessor. Dick was also an instructor and team leader for the Intensive Trial Advocacy Course sponsored by the Legal Education Society of Alberta from 1995 to 2010.

Dick has held a number of positions with the University of Alberta Alumni Association including President of the association from 2004 to 2006. He has served as President of The Friends of the University of Alberta Society since 2012 and is one of the founding mentors of the University of Alberta Venture Mentoring Service. Dick was a sessional instructor in the Faculty of Law from 2006 to 2015 and is a member of the Small and Medium sized Enterprises Advisory Committee of the Faculty of Business. He is also an Institute Certified Director of the Institute of Corporate Directors.