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Director of instructional centre named

Faculty development puts SIAST at forefront of student success

September 8, 2005 – SIAST has appointed a director of its newly formed Instructional and Leadership Development Centre. Through the province-wide centre, which is unique among Canadian colleges and universities, Ann Hrabok will plan and coordinate faculty orientation, preparation and ongoing professional development.

“In today’s post-secondary learning environment, the importance of instructor preparation and development cannot be overstated,” says Claude Naud, SIAST’s vice president, programs. “Aggressively addressing this reality makes SIAST a leader in teaching and learning excellence.”

“With post-graduate degrees in both education and education administration, as well as with extensive experience at SIAST,” Naud added, “Ann is eminently well suited to lead our faculty development initiatives.”

As director of the Instructional and Leadership Development Centre, Hrabok’s responsibilities include a network of “learning commons” that will give the centre a physical presence at each SIAST campus. This network will promote collegiality and the sharing of teaching and learning best practices, as well as provide resource centres for both new and experienced faculty.

“Although designed for faculty, SIAST’s instructor preparation and development initiatives are founded on a commitment to student success,” says Hrabok. “Enhancing faculty’s instructional and leadership skills ultimately supports our graduates’ successful transition into the workforce and fosters the development of a community practice at SIAST.”

Hrabok received her doctorate in educational administration from the University of Saskatchewan. She also has post graduate degrees in business administration from the University of Saskatchewan and in education from the University of Alberta. Hrabok pursued undergraduate studies in Saskatoon.

Hrabok is a long-time SIAST faculty member. She has served as a program head of business studies and as coordinator of SIAST's recently launched faculty development certificate program.

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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