Welcome Back 2020!

Employee Welcome Back Tuesday, September 1, 2020 11:00 a.m.



Today's agenda

- Welcome from President and Vice-Chancellor, Tim Rahilly
- Remarks from SAMRU President, Spirit River Striped Wolf
- Remarks from Tim
- Remarks from interim Provost and Vice-President, Academic, Elizabeth Evans
- Closing remarks from Tim

Tim Rahilly President and Vice-Chancellor

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Tim Rahilly Gratitude & Compassion

Why I'm Excited: Top 5 List for Fall

- The heroic efforts of faculty and staff
- The way we've all adapted and grown
- Facilities are starting to open up
- The patience and flexibility of students
- The value of a post-secondary education

Top of Mind

- Budget
- Post-secondary review "Alberta 2030: Building skills for jobs"
- Remote work and staying off campus
- Mental health and well-being

President's Advisory Committee on Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

- BLM movement; those who identify as BIPOC
- Inaugural committee members to be appointed
- Future committee members via expressions of interest
- First priorities:
 - Sharing lived experiences
 - Learning from experts
 - Developing terms of reference

University Strategic Plan Update

- Thank you for drop-in sessions (Nov.)
- Work continued this summer
- Future campus engagement this fall
- Draft vision, mission and values at mru.ca/Strategy

Elizabeth Evans Interim Provost and Vice-President, Academic

Priorities going into 2020/21 academic year

- Prioritize health and safety of campus
- Focus on academic mission
- Uphold student-centred approach
- Plan ahead, recognizing uncertainties
- Align with strategic plan for long term

Roles key to supporting priorities

- Looking to further strengthen areas of indigenization; and equity, diversity and inclusion
- Congratulating 10 new chairs
- Celebrating 8 faculty members achieving tenure
- Welcoming 13 new full-time and 4 returning limited-term faculty members

Research and Scholarship

- 2019/20 MRU's most successful year with TriAgency grants: \$1.4 million
- SSHRC Insight Development Grants awarded to Dr. Haney and Dr. Varella
- Welcomed 2 new Canada Research Chairs on July 1: Dr. Datta (Community Disaster Research) and Dr. Woolmer (Scholarship of Teaching and Learning)
- Awarded first-ever Canada Foundation for Innovation grants (2): seeking matching funds for 2 awards and awaiting outcome of 3rd
- Trevor Day named to the Royal Society of Canada, College of New Scholars, Artists and Scientists

Providing the best possible student experience

- Tremendous amount of work got us to today gratitude to all
- Reminder of ADC resources and supports
 - Enhanced website: mru.ca/ADC
 - Tailored workshops for faculty
- Leverage the learnings of others: tap their knowledge and skills

In Closing

Thank you

Livestream will be posted at mru.ca/WelcomeBack2020

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