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Saskatchewan Polytechnic appoints AVP, Strategy

Planning process focuses on meeting employer, student needs

January 5, 2015 – Crystal Nett has been appointed associate vice-president, Strategy, at Saskatchewan Polytechnic.

Nett joins Sask Polytech from the Saskatchewan Research Council (SRC), where she has been engaged in a number of roles for the past 21 years, most recently as chief financial officer and vice-president of the Finance, Safety and Risk Division.

"Saskatchewan Polytechnic's planning process focuses on two client outcomes: maximizing student success and providing skilled graduates to meet labour market need," says Dr. Reg Urbanowski, vice-president, Strategy and Advancement. "Crystal's experience will ensure that we continue to bring a high degree of rigour to that process."

Nett has considerable experience in the development of strategic plans, and in the development and implementation of a balanced scorecard framework, enterprise risk management framework and related processes, both from management and governance perspectives.

She is a chartered professional accountant, a certified director with the Institute of Corporate Directors and a governance fellow with the National Association of Corporate Directors (USA).

"I'm excited about the opportunity to work in this dynamic organization that plays such an important role in the province's economy," says Nett.

Saskatchewan Polytechnic serves 26,000 distinct students through applied learning opportunities at campuses in Moose Jaw, Prince Albert, Regina and Saskatoon, and through extensive distance education opportunities. Programs serve every economic and public service sector. As a polytechnic, the organization provides the depth of learning appropriate to employer and student need, including certificate, diploma and degree programs, and apprenticeship training. Saskatchewan Polytechnic engages in applied research, drawing on faculty expertise to support innovation by employers, and providing students the opportunity to develop critical thinking skills.

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