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Conference to focus on governance

Leading experts to meet with university, college leaders from across Canada

March 11, 2005 – At an upcoming conference in Regina, leading governance experts will provide university and college leaders with tools and techniques for enhancing boardroom proficiency. The conference, *Governance Now*, is attracting executives and board members from across Canada.

"Within the post-secondary sector, we face unique challenges as we strive to ensure that our governance structure and processes serve both our missions and our visions," says Christine Boyczuk, SIAST board chair. Ellen Chapco, university secretary at the University of Regina, adds, "Accountability to multiple stakeholders and competition for funding are just two of the challenges universities and colleges face."

To help participants develop governance strategies, conference organizers have recruited Dr. Richard Chait, a professor of higher education at the Harvard Graduate School of Education, and Debra and David Brown of Brown Governance. Dr. Chait has researched governance issues for more than 20 years and has co-authored several books and articles on the topic. He is currently a principle investigator on the Project on Governance Futures, based at the Hauser Center of the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard. The Browns have consulted nationally and internationally on governance issues with private and public sector organizations. Their clients include The Conference Board of Canada.

Governance Now is organized and sponsored by the universities of Regina and Saskatchewan, SIAST, Saskatchewan Learning, the Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies and the Association of Saskatchewan Regional Colleges. It will be held April 3 and 4 at the Hotel Saskatchewan Radisson Plaza in Regina. For registration information, visit www.siastr.sk.ca/governancenow or phone 306-933-5058.

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