



Dr. Barry L. Craig appointed the seventeenth Principal of Huron University College

London, ON - It was announced today that Dr. Barry L. Craig, Vice President, Academic and Research, St. Thomas University, has been appointed the seventeenth Principal of Huron University College effective July 1, 2016.

First as Dean of Faculty and then as Vice-President, Academic and Research, Dr. Craig has been an academic administrator for over seven years. He is an Associate Professor in Philosophy and has been awarded St. Thomas University's highest awards for teaching and research.

"I am honoured and excited to become the next principal of Huron University College," said Dr. Craig. "Huron is truly one of Canada's historic universities. It possesses dynamic and committed faculty and staff, an impressive list of accomplished and loyal alumni, and it attracts outstanding students from across Canada and beyond. I believe that there are tremendous opportunities in the next few years for Huron to become a national example of how a small university with a commitment to academic excellence can be a leader in post-secondary education."

During his time at St Thomas University, Dr. Craig was successful in leading the development of an accessibility services office that resulted in record enrollment of students with disabilities. He negotiated a new university access agreement with New Brunswick's largest Aboriginal First Nation, establishing a groundbreaking pilot program which offered liberal arts courses in the Aboriginal community. Dr. Craig was responsible for supervising the development of pre-law and pre-health sciences concentrations at St. Thomas University as well as negotiating collaboration agreements with Harvard Business School to offer HBX Core programs to St. Thomas students. He wrote St. Thomas University's Student Code of Conduct and developed an initiative to deliver liberal arts lectures on ethics and social responsibility, via live video link, to executives of India's largest independent oil company.

"Dr. Craig brings with him a wealth of experience and knowledge," said Karen Wilkinson, Chair of the Huron University College Executive Board. "We are very confident in the leadership and contributions he will bring to our community here at Huron."

This appointment comes after significant deliberation by the Huron University College Selection Committee comprised of Huron faculty, board, staff and students.

"I would like to thank all members of the Huron community who provided input to the selection committee toward selecting the seventeenth Principal of Huron University College," said Ian Jeffreys, Chair of the Principal Selection Committee and Vice Chair of the Huron University College Executive Board. "It is through their contributions that we were able to choose the best possible candidate for this important position."

Dr. Craig holds a PhD from the University of Wales, an MA from Dalhousie University and a BA from the University of Kings College. He received a special merit award for research from St. Thomas University and twice received the excellence in teaching award from the St. Thomas University Students' Union as well as the excellence in teaching award from St. Thomas University in 2002. Dr. Craig has extensive experience in curriculum, programme and policy development and has published several books as well as numerous journal articles, reviews and presentations.