

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 At this time in UNB's development, the major goals of sustaining UNB as a national university and advancing UNB as a learning institution, together with the ambitious agenda for academic change already underway, the anticipated academic impact of the PSE review, and the need for coordination of academic planning within UNB's overall strategic planning process necessitate an overall academic leader. In light of other processes underway such as the Commission on Inter-Campus Relations, which will examine and make recommendations for long-term governance and administrative mechanisms, the immediate need is for an academic leader during a bridging period.

2.0 Applicability

- 2.1 University-wide

3.0 Definitions

- 3.1 None applicable

4.0 Implementation

- 4.1 The designation of an overall academic leader is a near-term administrative arrangement during the transition to multi-year strategic plan and the significant academic changes that are contemplated. It is proposed that the title of Provost be added to one of the existing three UNB Vice-Presidents who have academic responsibilities in order to designate an enhanced mandate for academic leadership, management and governance on an institution wide basis.
- 4.2 The Provost will act in concert with the President and the team of Vice-Presidents to lead academic strategic planning and the administration of academic matters of University-wide significance on a near-term basis. The role of Provost will be reviewed at the end of the initial term based on experience.
- 4.3 New campus Vice-Presidents are expected to take office in Summer 2008 and will be preoccupied with the steep learning curve involved in learning about the university and adjusting to the duties and expectations of these positions. The Vice-President Research currently has significant University-wide academic responsibilities including oversight of graduate studies, and has a solid base of experience and knowledge of UNB and the provincial post secondary education landscape. The Vice-President Research currently is best positioned to take on the enhanced academic leadership role of Provost.

- 4.4 Accordingly the recommendation is to designate Dr. Greg Kealey as Vice-President Research and Provost for a term effective 1 July 2008 to 31 December 2011. In addition to the Vice-Presidential salary, the Provost shall receive an annual administrative stipend.

5.0 Interpretation and Questions

- 5.1 University Secretariat Office is located in Sir Howard Douglas Hall, Room 110. Questions concerning this policy may be directed to (506) 453-4613 sjd@unb.ca, John McLaughlin President and Vice-Chancellor.