

New Board Chair for Athabasca University

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Province names renowned Edmonton Architect as the new Chair of The Governors of Athabasca University

The Board of Governors and Margaret Mrazek, former Acting Chair, are pleased to welcome the appointment of Vivian Manasc as Chair of The Governors of Athabasca University. The appointment was made by the Honorable Marlin Schmidt, Minister of Advanced Education on March 14, 2017.

Vivian Manasc is the Senior Principal at Manasc Isaac, an Alberta-based Architectural and Engineering Studio, is Past President of the Royal Architecture Institute of Canada, and past VP of the Canada Green Building Council. Vivian's vision and skill is reflected in successful projects such as the LEED Gold Water Centre in Calgary, Calgary's EOC, the Academic Research Centre at Athabasca University, PCL North American Headquarters, and the post-fire reconstruction of the Slave Lake Government Centre and Library.

She studied Architecture at McGill University and completed an MBA at the U of A.

Vivian's passion and commitment to outstanding sustainable Architecture has been recognized nationally. As a member of the National Capital Commission Advisory Committee on Design, Vivian provides advice on Architectural, and sustainable design aspects of our Capital's built environments.

Following the launch of Manasc Isaac in 1997, Vivian launched Manasc Isaac's reimagine initiative, focused on greening existing buildings, the Blue Sky award to assist non-profit organizations to realize their dream facilities, as well as the First Nations conference on Sustainable Buildings and Communities, to enhance the quality of life in First Nations Communities across Canada. She recently launched Manasc Isaac Architects' studio in Bucharest Romania, known as "Latitudine 53".

Please join me in welcoming Vivian to her new role as Chair of The Governors of Athabasca University.

"I am pleased to appoint Vivian Manasc as the new Chair of Athabasca University. Ms. Manasc brings a wealth of community leadership and a long dedication to the University, and I am thrilled that she has offered her talent to help lead this fundamental partner in Alberta's post-secondary system. I look forward to working with Ms. Manasc as AU continues on its path toward sustainability and in its delivery of the highest quality learning opportunities for Alberta's students. I also want to thank and recognize Acting Chair, Marg Mrazek, for her tireless contributions and leadership in moving Athabasca University forward during her term."

--Honourable Marlin Schmidt, Minister of Advanced Education

"I'm delighted to be leading this important and remarkable institution at a time when sustainable 21st century learning is top of mind for Albertans. "

-- Vivian Manasc