



UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY

Terrence H. White

President and Vice-Chancellor

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Terry White became the sixth president and vice-chancellor of The University of Calgary Aug. 1, 1996.

A former president and vice-chancellor of Brock University and dean of the Faculty of Arts at the University of Alberta, White brings to the U of C a strong research background in organizational change and quality of working life, a wealth of senior management experience and a high level of commitment to community involvement.

He was born in Ottawa and moved to Calgary in 1957 where he attended Western Canada High School and in 1959 was elected student council president. He earned his doctorate in 1972 at the University of Toronto. His administrative experience began the following year with a three-year term as head of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at the University of Windsor. In 1975 he became chair of the Department of Sociology at the University of Alberta, and five years later he was appointed for an eight year term as dean of the Faculty of Arts.

White's academic work has focused on the study of organizations, quality of working life and the operations of corporate boards. He is the author or editor of three books; has written more than 30 articles and chapters for scholarly publications and delivered numerous papers in academic and professional settings. He has also been a consultant to a variety of corporate and government organizations. Known for his infectious sense of humour, White's leadership style emphasizes personal contact and the collegial system.

In addition to his extensive academic background, White has a long history of community involvement. While in Edmonton, he served as a director of Labatt's Alberta Brewery, chair of the marketing committee of the Edmonton Convention and Tourism Authority, vice president of development for the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra, president of the South Edmonton Rotary Club and director with the Edmonton Boy Scouts and Alberta Ballet. In St. Catharines he chaired the successful 1992 United Way campaign and served on the boards of Ridley College, the Canada-United States Business Association (Niagara chapter), Niagara Symphony Association, YMCA of St. Catharines, the Niagara Child Development Centre and the Fox Foundation. He also served as chair of the Ontario Commission on Interuniversity Athletics and as a member of the Team Niagara Tourism Task Force, Rotary Club of St. Catharines and the St. Catharines Club.