The President and Vice-Chancellor is the chief executive officer of the University, providing institutional leadership and oversight, developing and driving the mission, strategies and advancement of the University and acting as the chief advocate, the principal ambassador and the principal voice of the University.

Summary of Responsibilities

In fulfilling this role, the President is responsible to:

- define the University’s strategic vision, mandate and direction, and identify opportunities to advance and deliver on that vision, mandate and direction
- lead the setting of University goals and the determination of priorities and allocation of resources to meet those goals
- lead the creation, implementation and compliance with University strategic and policy frameworks
- oversee the development and implementation of the University’s comprehensive institutional plan
- lead the executive leadership team in the effective and responsible operation of the University and the use of University resources, focusing on operational excellence and solid fiscal performance
- advocate for the University and foster effective and ongoing dialogues within all levels of government, including with respect to funding grants and the University’s research enterprise
- protect and enhance the overall reputation of the University
- promote great leadership at the University
- make connections between research, industry and the community at large
- establish and enhance provincial, national, and international collaborations
- direct fund development initiatives and cultivate friends and donors to the University
- facilitate an effective shared governance framework and act as a liaison between the Board of Governors, the General Faculties Council (GFC) and the Executive Leadership Team
- chair the GFC and the GFC Executive Committee
- develop and maintain positive and productive relationships with a wide range of internal and external stakeholders including the Board, the Senate, faculty, students, staff and alumni, community leaders, granting agencies, other educational institutions, and officials in all levels of government
- observe and anticipate trends in post-secondary education and anticipate and guide the University through issues and challenges facing the University and the sector
- preside at University events

Accountability

The President is accountable for ensuring that the University delivers high quality teaching, research and return to the community and reports to the Board of Governors.