



**CONFERENCE PROGRAM OUTLINE**

**PLEASE NOTE PROGRAM IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE – UPDATED: APRIL 9, 2008**

**NOTE: ALL EVENTS WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE WESTIN NOVA SCOTIAN HOTEL UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED**

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**THURSDAY, MAY 1, 2008**

<b>TIME</b>	<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>ROOM/VENUE</b>
3:00PM-9:00PM	Onsite Conference Registration	Atlantic Mezzanine
6:00PM-8:00PM	Opening Reception, Welcoming Remarks and Entertainment by Chelsea Nisbett.	Harbour Suites A & B

**FRIDAY, MAY 2, 2008**

<b>TIME</b>	<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>ROOM/VENUE</b>
7:30AM-8:30AM	Breakfast	Commonwealth Ballroom B
8:45AM-9:00AM	Opening Remarks	Atlantic Ballroom
9:00AM-10:00AM	<p>Keynote The University Administrator's Marathon - How does she compete, survive and reach the finish line? Claire Morris CEO, Association of Universities and Colleges Canada</p> <p>Canadian university, college and institution administrators face challenging times: Increasing undergraduate student enrolments, educating more graduate students, replacing an aging professorate, fierce competition in recruitment of international students as well as top scholars and researchers, attracting more under-represented groups to campus, while enhancing institutional support of research excellence and the quality of teaching and student services, balancing multi-million dollar budgets, and fundraising. Add to this mix a somewhat volatile federal political context, and an uncertain economic climate, and you get a highly complex situation. And these are just the major hurdles! That's enough to keep many university presidents and senior administrators breathless!</p>	Atlantic Ballroom
10:00AM-10:20AM	Coffee Break	Atlantic Mezzanine
10:20AM-12:00PM	<p>Presidents Panel</p> <p>Joan McArthur-Blair President, Nova Scotia Community College</p> <p>Kathryn Laurin President &amp; Vice-Chancellor, Mount Saint Vincent University</p> <p>Ann Buller President &amp; CEO, Centennial College</p>	Atlantic Ballroom

12:00PM-1:30PM	Lunch - Collegial Exchange	Commonwealth Ballroom B
1:30PM-3:00PM	<p>Concurrent Session 1: Career Change – Switching Sports  Moderator: Donna Bourne-Tyson  Panelists: Sheila Devine, Katherine Sheehan and Madeleine Lefebvre</p> <p>This panel will consider the challenges inherent in succession planning and recruiting new administrators, how to encourage female faculty members and middle-managers to consider careers in senior administration, how junior associates can be mentored, and what faculty members can do to explore the area before making the leap.</p>	Atlantic Ballroom
	<p>Concurrent Session 2: Internationalization – Olympic Opportunities  Moderator: Monica Wood  Panelists: Sheryl Bond, Martha Crago and Esther Enns</p> <p>Based on a national SSHRC funded study of the transformation of the curriculum in a global context, the presentation will discuss the theoretical frameworks and effective teaching practices which promote the internationalization of learning. Other hot topics include joint, double degree, academic/research partnerships and curriculum, global internationalization and much much more!!!</p>	Harbour Suite A
	<p>Concurrent Session 3: Spirituality – Get Your Head and Heart in the Game  Moderator: Marie DeYoung  Panelists: Joan McArthur-Blair and Anita Unruh</p> <p>Joan McArthur-Blair will continue a conversation on what guides education leaders. As part of her doctoral work she undertook to research the "Inner Life of Leaders" by asking formal leaders about their inner life and what guides them in the day to day of leadership. This conversation with leaders was a profound journey about ethics, social justice, and spirituality. She looks forward to continuing this conversation with you, sharing what she has found, and hearing your ideas. Dr. Unruh will address the relationship between spirituality and leisure and the implications for health and well-being. Her discussion will draw on the findings from her research on gardening and dragon boat racing, and living with serious life challenges.</p>	Harbour Suite B
3:00PM-3:15PM	Coffee Break	Atlantic Mezzanine

3:15PM-4:30PM	<p>Concurrent Session 4: Career Balance – Triathlon: Administration, Academics and Family  Moderator: Carolyn Watters  Panelists: Sandra Acker and Heather Kelly</p> <p>Finding the Balance. More and more senior administrators are multitasking administrative duties with research, teaching and degree completion demands, not to mention families. In this panel we explore ways to strike a balance among these competing interests.</p>	Atlantic Ballroom
	<p>Concurrent Session 5: Fine-Tuning Our Learning Game  Moderator: Lynn Taylor  Panelists: Ann Buller, Donna Bourne-Tyson and Susan Drain</p> <p>The panelists will get you thinking and strategizing about how academic administrators can build teaching and learning capacity by bridging the learning needs of our students, the demands placed on our institutions, and the teaching (and learning) experiences of our colleges.</p>	Harbour Suite A
	<p>Concurrent Session 6: Negotiation – Referee or Coach? The Art of Negotiation  Moderator: Deborah Buszard  Panelists: Gillian Wu, Donna Woolcott and Donna Gillis</p> <p>The panelists will share their knowledge of negotiation processes and strategies, how to deal with difficult negotiations and improve working relationships, defuse emotional issues and get to “win-win” outcomes in the most challenging of circumstances.</p>	Harbour Suite B
4:45PM-5:45PM	<p>Speed Mentoring Session</p> <p>Spend 15 minutes with a senior SWAAC member</p>	Atlantic Ballroom
5:45PM	<p>Shuttle buses begin leaving the Westin Nova Scotian Hotel for Shirreff Hall Residence, Dalhousie University. Note: Buses will run every 15 minutes from 5:45PM-10:00PM</p>	Meet in Lobby of Westin
6:00PM-7:00PM	<p>Reception featuring entertainment by Mea Culpa</p>	Shirreff Hall Residence, Dalhousie University
7:00PM-9:30PM	<p>Gala Dinner, Awards Ceremony and Entertainment by Janet Guidford and Dalhousie University’s Costume Studies Program</p>	Shirreff Hall Residence, Dalhousie University

**SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2008**

<b>TIME</b>	<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>ROOM/VENUE</b>
7:30AM-9:00AM	Optional Tour – Halifax Farmer’s Market	Meet Deborah Buszard in Westin Lobby at 7:30PM
8:30AM-9:30PM	Continental Breakfast	Commonwealth Ballroom B
9:30AM-11:00AM	<p>Closing Keynote The Playbook is Changing. Where are Universities Heading?</p> <p>Martha Crago, Vice President, International and Institutional Affairs, Universite de Montreal</p> <p>Martha Crago’s presentation will provide a look at a next generation of post secondary education. She will address changes in the scope and nature of how we do university research, how we format our academic programs, and whom we are educating from the vantage point of universities as agents of social change. Central to this session are questions such as how do universities create and reflect social change, what sort of changes are taking place and what the potential and future directions of change are and how social change can shape and be shaped by what happens both inside and outside of today’s and tomorrow’s universities.</p>	Atlantic Ballroom
11:00AM-11:30AM	Hotel Check Out	
11:30AM-12:15PM	Buffet Lunch	Buffet served in Atlantic Mezzanine. Guests may proceed to Atlantic Ballroom
11:50PM-12:15PM	Closing Remarks	Atlantic Ballroom
12:30PM-1:30PM	SWAAC Annual General Meeting	Atlantic Ballroom