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London, ON - The Board of Directors of King’s University College has accepted notification from Dr. David Sylvester that he will not seek renewal for a third term as Principal. “The Board is grateful for his service and leadership to King’s over the past nine years,” says Dr. Kelly Regan, Chair of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors will be conducting an international search for Dr. Sylvester’s successor, starting with the establishment of a search committee.

Under Dr. Sylvester’s leadership, and together with the King’s community, the university has grown significantly as a leading Catholic university in Canada. King’s achieved incorporation in 2013 and officially gained ownership of the property on which the university is situated. The Student Life Campaign, the most successful fundraising initiative in King’s history, funded the construction of the Darryl J. King Student Life Centre as well as increased financial support for students. Together with his senior leadership team, Dr. Sylvester has worked to ensure that King’s is widely connected; King’s now has signed partnerships with every Catholic School Board in Ontario. Through strategic partnerships in Canada and around the world, King’s has become an international destination for students and faculty.

Dr. Sauro Camiletti, Academic Dean and Vice-Principal, will serve as Interim Principal and Academic Dean with support from the other two Vice-Principals upon Dr. Sylvester’s departure. A transition date has yet to be determined. Dr. Camiletti has served King’s for 40 years and is well positioned to guide King’s with stability and care during this period. “It is my honour to serve King’s in this role while we search for a new leader. All of us will miss David greatly. We wish him every success in his future endeavors,” says Dr. Camiletti.

King’s is a publicly-funded Catholic post-secondary institution founded in 1954. King’s provides general and honors degree programs in the liberal arts, social sciences, business, and a master’s degree in social work. It is positioned in the top rank of institutions of higher learning in Canada for the high quality of its teaching faculty and student experience. Institutionally-autonomous, King’s is academically-affiliated with Western University. King’s is open to students of all faith backgrounds, with its community centered on the values of social justice, equality and the education of the whole person.

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