Mason Appoints Vice President for Ras Al Khaimah Campus

Sharon Siverts, formerly director of the agency responsible for overseeing the quality of private higher education in the United Arab Emirates, has been appointed vice president for Mason's Ras Al Khaimah (RAK) Campus.

Siverts, a renowned educationalist, has been in the field of academic administration for more than 25 years. Having served both in the United States and internationally, she has a wealth of experience in higher education and academic administration. In her previous work with the Commission for Academic Accreditation, Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research, she oversaw the licensing and accreditation of academic programs in higher education.

A former fellow in academic administration for the American Council on Education, Siverts holds a doctorate in teacher education from the Pennsylvania State University. She also earned a Master’s of Science and Bachelor of Science from Ohio University in teacher education. Her areas of special interest include educational development and reform, particularly related to teacher education and higher education in developing countries.

Currently, Mason RAK offers three undergraduate programs: a BS in Business Administration, BS in Electronics and Communications Engineering and a BS in Biology. An English Language Foundation program is also offered. A new campus is under construction and slated to open in August 2008.

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