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MEDIA RELEASE

Ali Dastmalchian appointed dean of SFU's Beedie School of Business

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Simon Fraser University has appointed Professor Ali Dastmalchian as dean of the Beedie School of Business, effective January 1, 2016.

Dr. Dastmalchian joins the Beedie School of Business from the University of Victoria's Gustavson School of Business, where he is currently the Professor of Organization Studies and International Business.

He previously served as dean of the Gustavson School of Business from 2002 to 2012. During his tenure he oversaw the naming of both the School and its Graduate programs, launched its PhD and MGB programs, and helped it achieve both EQUIS and AACSB accreditation.

"Dr. Dastmalchian has an outstanding record of academic leadership," says SFU President Andrew Petter. "His devotion to teaching and research, combined with his commitment to collaboration and engagement, fit perfectly with SFU's vision to be Canada's *Engaged University*."

Prior to joining the University of Victoria, Dastmalchian had held several academic leadership positions, including dean of the Faculty of Management at the University of Lethbridge from 1997 to 2002.

An award-winning teacher, facilitator, and researcher, Dastmalchian has held faculty positions and visiting appointments at universities across Europe, North America, and Asia, and taught in undergraduate, graduate, and executive programs across the globe.

He has served as chair of the Canadian Federation of Business School Deans, and is currently president and chair of the Board of Global Leadership and Organizational Behaviour Effectiveness (GLOBE) Research and Education Foundation, a world-renowned research project on culture and leadership conducted in 62 countries.

"I am very excited about the opportunity to join the Beedie School of Business and Simon Fraser University," says Dastmalchian. "I have long admired the School's commitment to innovation, its high impact research and educational programs, and its local and global community engagement. I am honoured to have a role in realizing the School's vision."

Dastmalchian joins the Beedie School of Business at a time when it has grown both its undergraduate and graduate program portfolio.

Within the last year the School has launched the [Graduate Certificate in Science and Technology Commercialization](#), the [Executive MBA in Northwestern BC](#), and an interdisciplinary undergraduate [Certificate in Innovation and Entrepreneurship](#).

Dastmalchian succeeds Professor Blaize Horner Reich, who completes her term in the role.

“I am delighted to welcome Dr. Dastmalchian to the Beedie School of Business, and look forward to working with him to continue our success,” said Reich.

“He joins a growing, dynamic, and engaged business school – one that plays an important leadership role in many important sectors, such as sustainability, globalization, technology, and entrepreneurship.”

ABOUT THE BEEDIE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS:

The Beedie School of Business ranks among the top ten business schools in Canada, offering internationally acclaimed research and teaching. With a focus on globalization, innovation, technology and sustainability, Beedie is in the one percent of business schools worldwide with both AACSB and EQUIS accreditation. Across its campuses in Vancouver, Burnaby and Surrey, the School’s undergraduate, graduate, and PhD programs demonstrate a spirit of innovation, flexibility, and relevance.

ABOUT SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY:

As Canada's engaged university, SFU is defined by its dynamic integration of innovative education, cutting-edge research and far-reaching community engagement. SFU was founded 50 years ago with a mission to be a different kind of university—to bring an interdisciplinary approach to learning, embrace bold initiatives, and engage with communities near and far. Today, SFU is Canada’s leading comprehensive research university and is ranked one of the top universities in the world. With campuses in British Columbia’s three largest cities – Vancouver, Burnaby and Surrey – SFU has eight faculties, delivers almost 150 programs to over 35,000 students, and boasts more than 135,000 alumni in 130 countries around the world.

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