## From Professor Dianne Taylor-Gearing

Let me share with you NSCAD's strategic framework 2015-2020.

As you unfold, you will discover our focus is upon four strategic pillars NURTURE, CURIOSITY, STEWARD and CONNECT.

I am hopeful we will ignite your curiosity to learn more.

RESPECT, PRIDE, COLLEGIALITY and TRUST are the four core values that will frame critical decision making through a period of transition and enable a positive, vibrant culture to continue to prosper.

I invite you to connect with us and join our transformational journey to deliver our vision and mission as NSCAD continues as an influential, world-renowned and independent university of visual art, craft and design.

Thank you for helping NSCAD University to realize its mission, and so the conversation continues...

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NSCAD University is well positioned to move forward as an independent institution.

This strategic framework will provide direction for a sustained period of growth, vibrancy and prosperity. It is the result of many hours of consultation, the review of thousands of pages of documents, and the passion of each and every person who contributed to the process.

With the approval of NSCAD University's Strategic Framework 2015-2020, the Board of Governors, President, administration, faculty, students, alumni, friends and supporters have a clear pathway to advance.

Now is the time to boldly seize our own future with courage and tenacity, clearly communicating and delivering our vision to set the standard for a 21<sup>st</sup> century university of the visual arts.

Together, we can achieve extraordinary results.



Students, faculty and staf

**Business Relationships and Partners** Community Social Engagement Friends and Supporters

NURTURE
PRIMARILY THROUGH ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

To cultivate critical thinkers—preparing students for post-graduation success as artists, designers, entrepreneurs and creative thinkers.

To mentor and assist passionate faculty/teachers/supporters to deliver cutting-edge curriculum and innovative learning and teaching.

To support our students, faculty and staff for our collective wellbeing.

Leading the way forward with the four core Values and the four Pillars of

**NSCAD University's Strategic Framework** 2015-2020

N·S·C·A·D UNIVERSITY

Evergreen

Performance Management

Planning

utilization of space and other assets. Asset management—being proactive in ensuring maximum

FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY AND A SPIRIT OF INDEPENDENCE

**STEWARD** 

Provincial and global reach—going beyond the confines of NSCAD to

Leading research and practice culture—the desire to think of new options

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Solidify our position as
Eastern Canada's premier
university of the visual arts
and strengthen our reputation
for excellence both nationally
and internationally.

leader in creative and artistic

## **Vision:**

NSCAD University
will set the standard for a
21st century university of the visual
arts. It will improve and inspire the lives
of every student by providing the highest
quality education in the visual arts, craft
and design. NSCAD will be a transformative
force for society by delivering an education
that produces critical and creative thinkers
with the ability and desire to change the
world. In fulfilling the Vision, NSCAD
University has a commitment to
our 8 Mission goals:

Reinforce our position as a vital component of Nova Scotia's creative economy.

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financial mechanisms

**Build effective** 

to ensure the long-

range viability

of programs and

facilities.

Continue to build vital new links between diverse communities both locally and globally.

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