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## PCU-WHS Announces Appointment of Registrar and Director of Admissions, Student Services and Alumni Relations

The Pacific Coast University for Workplace Health Sciences is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Tom Weegar as Registrar and Director of Admissions, Student Services, and Alumni Relations.

Dr. Weegar comes to PCU-WHS with over 30 years of post-secondary leadership experience including roles as College President, Vice-President Academic, Provost, Regional Director, and Campus Principal. Dr. Weegar's post-secondary experience has taken him to eight colleges and four universities in four provinces, one territory, one state, and three countries.

Dr. Weegar has extensive experience in Strategic Enrolment Management (SEM) and serving students. At Rainy River Community College in Minnesota, Dr. Weegar led a shared leadership initiative which resulted in reversing a downward trend in student enrollment, eliminating a college deficit, and in the Fall of 2004, having the highest percentage increase in student enrollment of any college within the Minnesota State College and University System (MnSCU is the third largest post-secondary system in the US).

As President of Cumberland College, Dr. Weegar "led the charge" to implement SEM in Saskatchewan. Cumberland College did this by hosting a SEM workshop which was attended by all post-secondary institutions in Saskatchewan (including two universities and SaskPoly). As a result, Cumberland College became *the* SEM leader in Saskatchewan and in the Fall of 2015 and the Fall of 2016, all Technical and ABE Programs at Cumberland College were 100% enrolled – the first time this had ever happened at the college!

Dr. Weegar holds a doctorate in Educational Leadership and Policy from the University of British Columbia where his research focused on the new and emerging area of Appreciative Leadership in education and a Masters in Environmental Studies (MES) from York University where he researched models of Indigenous self-government and community-based development from around the world.

Dr. Weegar is no stranger to the Alberni Valley as he held a position as Regional Director/Campus Principal at the Port Alberni Campus of North Island College for over eight years. He is excited to once again be working for an organization in the Alberni Valley and looks forward to serving students in his role as Registrar and Director of Admissions, Student Services, and Alumni Relations of PCU-WHS.

### About PCU-WHS

Pacific Coast University for Workplace Health Sciences (PCU-WHS) is a statutory, not-for-profit, post-secondary, degree granting education and research institution for the special purpose of creating and disseminating new knowledge including applied research in the fields of workplace safety, health promotion, return to work and disability management, comprehensive rehabilitation, and disability leadership studies.



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In addition to the Bachelor of Disability Management, which is now available as a part-time program as well as a full-time program, the University also offers an Advanced Certificate in Return to Work. There are numerous continuing education certificate programs and courses for professionals who are already established in the field. The broad curriculum of courses range from 12 hours in duration for an individual continuing education module, up to four years in total for the full Degree program. All options are offered online attracting students from across Canada and around the world.

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