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Raffles College appoints new chairs of Council and Academic Board

Raffles College of Design and Commerce (RCDC) is pleased to announce the appointment of Professor Kevin McConkey as the new Chair of the RCDC Council and Professor Steve Rawlinson as the new Chair of the College's Academic Board.

Professor Kevin McConkey is currently the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic and Global Relations) at the University of Newcastle. His appointment as Chair of the RCDC Council is part of a new mentorship agreement between the university and Raffles College. This agreement is a first step in Raffles College's development towards achieving university college status.

Professor McConkey has a PhD in Psychology from the University of Queensland and is a Fellow of the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia, the Australian Psychological Society, the American Psychological Association, the Association for Psychological Science and the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

Raffles' Council is the institution's governing body and its membership represents a spectrum of expertise in the fields of education, design, business and finance. The Council operates independently from the ownership of the organisation and is advised by the Academic Board and other committees.

Professor Rawlinson, who holds the position of Vice President (Academic Programs) at Raffles University in Singapore, is an award-winning business educator who received the University of Auckland Business School's Teaching Excellence award in 2005, and was similarly honoured in the People's Republic of China in 1999-2000. Before joining Raffles University in 2006, Professor Rawlinson was Director of the Master of International Business (MIntBus) degree program at New Zealand's internationally accredited Business School at the University of Auckland.

As Chair of the Academic Board, Professor Rawlinson will work closely with the internal and external members to enhance its role in promoting and supporting academic quality and academic standards.

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