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Dr. Ken Robson is a higher education consultant who works with colleges and universities, principally in the areas of institutional development, strategic planning, institutional quality assessment, curriculum design and development, leadership training, campus development, and co-curricular program design and implementation. Ken's consulting practice has focused extensively on assisting institutions undergoing significant transitional or repositioning activities.

Prior to forming his consulting practice, Ken worked for many years at Mount Royal College (now a university) in Calgary, Alberta. He began his career as an English instructor, and served as Department Chair and Dean of Arts. Subsequently, he was appointed to the new portfolio of Vice-President, Student Affairs and Campus Life. During his tenure at Mount Royal, Ken held a number of responsible positions on committees and boards within and outside the institution. When he left the College in 2005, the Dr. Ken Robson Student Leadership Award was created to recognize his commitment to student development and achievement.

One of Ken's proudest associations has been with the Chair Academy which he joined in 1993 when he attended the inaugural Academy for Leadership Training and Development. He subsequently became a facilitator and mentor in the leadership program where he had the good fortune to work with so many aspiring and accomplished academic leaders and a remarkably committed and talented group of fellow facilitators. Ken has facilitated programs across North America as well as in Australia, Ireland and the Netherlands. Ken also served on the editorial board of *Academic Leadership* and twice served as Master of Ceremonies at the Academy's Annual International Leadership Conference. In 2000 the Chair Academy presented Ken with a Regional Outstanding Leadership Award, and in 2012 he received the Paul A. Elsner International Excellence in Leadership Award.

A native of Vancouver, British Columbia, Ken earned his Bachelor of Arts (Hons.) in English from Simon Fraser University where he was a charter student. He received a Master of Arts degree in English from the University of British Columbia. He completed a second Master of Arts degree in film from the City University of New York. He holds a Ph.D. in Educational Leadership from the University of Nebraska. In 2008 Ken co-authored *The Academic Chairperson's Handbook* (2nd Ed. Jossey-Bass).