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During his time at Laurier, Dr. Maly has taught Chemistry courses ranging from Introductory Chemistry to graduate level organic chemistry courses. His teaching has been recognized with a Laurier Award for Teaching Excellence and a Laurier Teaching Fellowship. He also has an active research program in organic materials chemistry, with a focus on the synthesis and self-assembly of polycyclic aromatic and heteroaromatic compounds.

Dr. Maly has held a range of senior academic leadership roles within the Faculty of Science, including Associate Dean (2014–2017), Vice Dean (2017–2018 and 2019–2021), and Acting Dean of Science (2018–2019). In these roles, he was responsible for academic programming and curriculum oversight, strategic and enrollment planning, faculty and staff affairs, and budget management. As Acting Dean, he led a faculty comprising approximately 120 faculty members, over 40 staff, close to 40 academic programs, and approximately 5,000 undergraduate students. Since 2024, Dr. Maly has served as Chair of the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, with administrative oversight of faculty and staff, responsibility for academic planning and scheduling, curriculum revisions, and in faculty and staff hiring processes.

Dr. Maly has also contributed to institutional governance through service on Senate, the Board of Governors, and numerous university-level committees, as well as to the broader academic community through conference organization and leadership roles in professional scientific societies.