



Board of Governors

Candidates for the Position of a Non-Academic Employee to the York University Board of Governors for a term of two years from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2020.

Below are the candidates for nomination to the non-academic position on the York University Board of Governors. Voting by e-vote opens at **12:00 noon on June 1** and closes at **12:00 noon on June 8, 2018**.



Marina DeBona
Program Manager
School of Continuing Studies

What I want most is to give back to York University. I have a long history with York, as a proud alumnus (1994, Stong College) and administrative staff for the past 15 years, I can truly say that York is my home and my community. I know that service on the Board of Governors as a non-academic rep will be an invaluable professional development opportunity for me and will give me an opportunity to learn more about governance at York University as well as provide more experiential opportunities. It will also provide me with an opportunity to utilize my skill set to giving back to the University. Thank you for your support!



John Porto
Network Technician
Network Operations (UIT)

My name is John Porto and I have been nominated for a position on the Board of Governors by Chino Dumalag. I have started my career at York University in 1981 in the York Ryerson Computing Center (YRCC). During my early career, I provided computing for both York University and Ryerson Poly-Technical. Currently at York University I work with Network Operations (UIT) and many people on campus may know me as the person who installs your phone, cable TV, and troubleshooting your internet connection. I was also involved with one of the University's first large network upgrades to 10baseT and currently involved with upgrading the current network to accommodate VOIP Technology.

Throughout my career at York University, I have had the opportunity to gain much knowledge in the university's policies and procedures as well as health and safety standards in the workplace. In addition, I have much experience in community development by installing cables, and preparing spaces for community events and programs.

I am confident that I will excel in this position as I have learned the school's mission and motto and believed of its importance for students and faculty.



Anita Ramjattan
Senior Academic Advisor-Enrolment
Academic Advising, LAPS

At York, we take pride in diversity; to make the change to elect a diverse Body to serve on the Board will reinforce our strength and commitment to diversity.

I have been a dedicated member of the York community for 20 years, both in the capacity of a student as well as an employee. My pursuits have actively engaged me in staff concerns and I have built longstanding relationships. I've witnessed tremendous growth throughout the University and have gained an understanding of the University's governance. This opportunity to serve on the Board of Governors' Governance and Human Resources Committee, would allow active participation and advocacy for staff members on discourse involving us and our future. Characteristically, I will act on principle, objectivity, and my commitment to ethics in the interest of staff. My contributions will help to positively shape our experiences and future at York. Anita Ramjattan, PhD Candidate.



Brendan Schulz
Executive Director, Student Success
Division of Students

I am writing with interest in becoming your representative. My eleven years at York have been focused on student and employee engagement, connection and success. I began at Schulich as the Associate Director, International Relations and now work in the Division of Students as Executive Director, Student Success and hold a deep appreciation for the diversity of staff and students on our amazing campuses.

The other half of my career has been spent in a variety of settings with focus on employee development as well as previous Board experience. I am also an Instructor at Schulich and serve on several pan-university committees. Examples include the IIRP Advising, the AIF Committee and Chairing York's Retention Council.

I am committed to York and motivated to work together on all the incredible possibilities that lie ahead for us, our students and our community. I would be honoured to represent you on York's Board.



Brad Sheeller
Safety and Technical Services Manager
Faculty of Science

As an employee at York University for over 10 years, I have seen a lot of changes and improvements. With York entering into another phase of growth, I want to support and help shape that growth into positive change.

I am experienced in working and dealing with many levels of the University, from governance, to divisional operations, to course administration. In addition, I am very skilled in navigating and handling many facets of the University, from Faculties and academic divisions, to Human Resources, to Campus Services. I have the knowledge of how York University runs from the bottom to the top and I feel I have a lot to contribute.

I am a very motivated and driven individual with a solid foundation to take on this role and confident I can make a valuable impact on the Board of Governors.