

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 2016 to 30 June 2018.

Below are the candidates for nomination to the non-academic position on the York University Board of Governors. Voting by e-vote opens at **9:00 am on May 25 at 9:00 am and closes at 12:00 noon on June 6, 2016.**



Sally Abu Sabaa
Registration and Communications Coordinator
School of Continuing Studies/YUELI

York University has been my professional and academic path for more than 8 years. I have experienced both worlds as a student, completing my Master's in Education focusing on post-secondary education and as an administrator having served in the area of registration and student services. This diverse experience is augmented by exploring other knowledge venues like attending the IIRP and the UAP public meetings. Thus I clearly see the vision of York's path in post-secondary education and aptly placed and armed with the knowledge and experience to predict the opportunities and challenges of its staff and students along the way. I am confident that in providing the resources, supporting opportunities for the University's community to advance along with the University's growth will better serve the Canadian society. I strongly believe that staff and student engagement is equally important in creating a better academic, friendly and safe York.



Nick Balaskas
Laboratory Technologist
Physics and Astronomy

I have been a proud member of the York family since 1973 as an undergraduate student, a post graduate research assistant and as a staff member. Some of you may remember me as the host of Cosmic Horizons at 89.9 FM Radio Glendon where many important issues affecting both students and staff alike were discussed. We have all worked to make this university the internationally respected institution that it is today. As your new representative on the Board of Governors I will be a strong and passionate voice on the issues that affect us all, including continuing to work with the Ontario Government on establishing a medical school here at York U. and an aerospace campus at nearby Downsview Park just a few subway stops away.



Pam Edgecombe
Director, Strategic Policy & Planning
Dean's Office, Lassonde School of Engineering

Community, Care, Collaboration: These values have underpinned my career at York University for 25+ years and inspire me to serve as your non-academic member on the Board of Governors. During my time at York I have worked along-side many awesome colleagues with a common goal – to make York a magnetic place for people to share. I have been fortunate to contribute to York's growth and transformation through a number of positions supporting the educational enterprise – from the Faculties of Atkinson & Arts, the Provost's Office and most recently in launching the Lassonde School of Engineering, as the Director of Strategic Policy & Planning. If you are curious to know a bit more about me and the role I can play as your representative on the Board, please reach out to me, I am only a couple of steps away in 204 Bergeron or connect with me at: pamela.edgecombe@lassonde.yorku.ca or ext. 44190.



Sheila Forshaw
Executive Director, Resources
Division of Students, Office of the Vice-Provost

I am writing to you to express my interest in becoming your representative to York's BOG. I hold a long history as a student/student-athlete, proud alumnae (1983) and employee. As a student, I competed at the Olympics and became an athlete representative to the COC. As an employee, I gained valuable insights through working in academic and non-academic units becoming manager then executive officer in School of Kinesiology & Health Science/Athletics & Recreation and now Executive Director, Resources for the Division of Students. My career includes pan-University committees the latest being IIRP Shared Services and I was privileged to receive the Bryden "Local Hero" Alumni and President's Leadership Awards.

History aside, my tremendous pride comes from the York community; working alongside staff and faculty as we guide the next generation of leaders. We need to be proud, engage our community and together promote York as a world class institution.



Michael Freeman
Undergraduate Program Assistant
Department of Social Science
Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies

As I enter my tenth year at York University, I continue to seek opportunities to become more involved in the processes that affect staff. I have come to know many of you over the years as our paths have crossed in my current role in the Social Science department, or from one of my previous roles within other departments. I look forward to continue working with many of you in this new capacity and also getting to know those who I have not yet had the privilege of working with. The University is continuing an era of change and restructuring that requires strong representation on the Board of Governors. I will be a trusting voice that will advocate for the needs of staff. I am asking for your vote as the non-academic staff representative on the York University Board of Governors. Let's bring York University to new heights!



Felim J. Greene
Executive Officer
School of Continuing Studies

I would be honoured to serve on the Board of Governors as your non-academic employee representative.

I have over 13 years of experience at York. I have been in the role of Executive Officer in the School of Continuing Studies since April 2015. Prior to my current role, I served as the Executive Officer in the Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies for 6 years. I have also held the roles of Director Budgeting and Planning in central Finance, and Finance Officer in CSBO. I had an extensive and varied career in the private sector as well. I have an MBA from York and I am a Certified Management Accountant.

I know York well. I believe that my background and experience would allow me to be an effective representative on the Board of Governors, representing the interests of all non-academic employees. I hope to receive your vote of confidence.



Debbie Jamieson
Graduate Program Assistant
Graduate Program in HRM, School of HRM

It would give me great honour to be able to represent York's non-academic staff members on the Board of Governors. York is a great university, thanks to all the hard-working and dedicated staff. Having worked at York for the past 42 years, I have come to know so many staff members. Many are like family, and it has been a real privilege to work with so many of you in various capacities. To be able to represent our employee group and to be a voice on the Board of Governors, I would consider it to be the greatest honour. I welcome your support and thank you!



Anita Ramjattan
Academic Advisor
Centre for Student Success
Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies

I have been a dedicated member of the York community for about 18 years, both in the capacity of a student as well as a York University employee. Throughout the years I have been actively engaged in staff concerns and have built longstanding relationships. I have witnessed tremendous growth throughout the University and have gained an understanding of the University's governance. The opportunity to serve on the Board of Governors as a non-academic member would allow active participation and vigorous advocating for staff members on discourse involving us and our future. I assure you I will act on principle, objectivity, and my strong commitment to ethics in the interest of staff. My contributions will help to positively shape our experiences and future at York.

Thank you for your support,
Anita Ramjattan
B.A. Hons, MES (Environmental Studies)
Graduate Diploma Environmental/Sustainability Education



Dragan Spasojevic
Manager, Community Relations & Crime Prevention
Department of Community Safety

Hello, my name is Dragan Spasojevic. I have had the honour and distinct pleasure of working with colleagues and serving the York University community for over 28 years. In that time I have completed an Honours Degree in Sociology and a Master's Degree in Public Policy, Administration and Law. Over the years, I have held various positions of responsibility at the University. I have served and continue to serve on committees to improve campus life. I have learned that staying engaged and having a voice is important. As Manager of Community Relations and Crime Prevention, I am passionate about having a safer community. I will advocate on your behalf for constant and continued improvement so that we can all work in a safer community. It would be an honour to continue to represent you on the Board of Governors. Thanking you in advance for the opportunity.