

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 2017 to 30 June 2019.

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 24** and closes at **12:00 noon on June 5, 2017**.



Anne Attard
Budget Assistant
School of Nursing

My name is Anne Attard and my current position is Budget Assistant within the School of Nursing. I began my career at York in 2003 and have experienced various roles but always seem to return to the School of Nursing. I am a proud York Alumna and my son followed my footsteps in carrying the tradition of graduating in 2014. York University has been a vital part of my life.

A colleague suggested that she would like to nominate me for the Board of Governors. I delved a little deeper in the role and composition of the Board and thought I'd be a great fit. Understanding the importance of the role, I believe that my experience at York as a student, staff member and mother of a student puts me in a position to add value to the Board and enable me to give back to the York community.



Jeff Briand
Associate Director, Research & Records
Division of Advancement

My interest in joining the Board of Governors stems from my desire to positively impact the larger York University community. I have worked for York for 14 years, first at the York University Foundation and now for past six years as an Associate Director in the Division of Advancement, which has given me a deep understanding of York. I have a unique role in which I interact with diverse members of the York community—students, staff and faculty, as well as volunteers, alumni and donors—to support the successful execution of fundraising, engagement and other external relations activities. In my role, I am immersed in some of the University's most exciting and compelling aspirations. I am in the singular position to draw on my thorough knowledge of York's priorities to recommend alumni, donors, and partnering organizations with whom we can build meaningful relationships to help realize York's vital ambitions.



Debbie Jamieson
Graduate Program Assistant
School of Human Resource Management
Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies

I am proud to say that I have worked at York University as a staff member for more than 42 years, and feel that I have a vast knowledge of the policies affecting the university. It is for these reasons I would be honoured to represent all non-academic employees at York by serving on our Board of Governors. I am confident that with my years of service and knowledge of the university, I would be able to serve you well in this capacity. As a representative of one of the largest employee groups at York, I would be an informed voice on our Board of Governors. Thank you for your support!



Randy Pitawanakwat
Coordinator, Aboriginal Student Services
Student Success Centre

My name is Randy Pitawanakwat and I am an Anishinabe from the Wikwemikong First Nation. I have been employed at York University since October 2002 when I was appointed as York's first Aboriginal Counsellor. In my current role as Coordinator of Aboriginal Student Services, my primary responsibility is to oversee the delivery of culturally appropriate support services to the Indigenous student population on campus.

I am also involved in many Indigenous and equity initiatives on campus, working collaboratively with various units, from the development of a York Indigenous Strategic Plan to the establishment of additional space at the Hart House. I participate on various committees such as the Indigenous Council at York, the Aboriginal Advisory Committee to the School of Social Work, the Race Inclusion and Supportive Environments (RISE) Working Group, and the President's Advisory Committee on Human Rights. I am interested in serving on the board to ensure a direct connection to the York Indigenous community as we move forward with initiatives in Indigenizing the community campuses.



Robert Reynolds
Technical Services Lead
Lassonde School of Engineering

I have been a member of the York University community since 2004 and have had many different roles as a student and a non-academic employee in different departments. As a member of the Board of Governors, I would strive to enhance the relationship between central services and the Faculties by representing the non-academic employees. I would encourage every non-academic employee to reach out to me so that I can bring your issues and needs to the Board of Governors and work towards fostering a positive working environment. I believe if we work together we can achieve new heights of success at York.



Josephine C. Zeeman
Director, Student and Academic Services
Faculty of Environmental Studies

I am keen to be your non-academic employee nominee for York's Board of Governors. I am proud to say I have worked at York for more than 25 years. York is a relatively young University, yet it has grown with giant strides. York is advancing even further with some exciting changes over the next few years: new leadership, affecting thoughtful positive changes through the IIRPs, the new subway line opening soon and the Markham Campus to name a few.

My career has centered on student services; however, my broader commitment to York has been exercised through my involvement in various pan-university committees, such as YUStart and the most intensive and rewarding being the Academic and Administrative Program Review (AAPR) committee. Please vote for me and I will inject the non-academic employee's point of view into the decision-making process at the BOG level.