

**2015 Governing Council By-Election
Teaching Staff (Constituency VII) - Candidates' Statements**

Teaching Staff

<p>Jutta Brunnee</p> <p>I am Professor of Law and hold the Metcalf Chair in Environmental Law. I served as Associate Dean responsible for the Faculty of Law's Graduate Programs for five years and, last year, as its Interim Dean. In both roles I developed good work relationships with counterparts across the University and gained an understanding of how to work through the strategic challenges and governance concerns that confront academic institutions. I would welcome an opportunity to serve on the University's Governing Council and I believe that my background places me well to do so effectively.</p>	<p>Jan Mahrt-Smith</p> <p>I am an associate professor at the Rotman School. I believe that UofT has good people who work and study here and good people who govern it. I see my role and my strength as enhancing two-way communications between the governing bodies and the teachers, researchers, students, and staff who all make UofT great. If we listen and talk, we will develop more trust and become more effective. I play that role at Rotman and the School of Graduate Studies. I enjoy it and colleagues often ask me to do more of it. More information is on my web page. www.rotman.utoronto.ca/jmahrt</p>
<p>Kerry Rittich</p> <p>A Professor at the Faculty of Law, the School of Public Policy and Governance and the Women and Gender Studies Institute, she teaches and writes extensively on labour law, human rights and international institutions, globalization and development, and legal theory. She has served as the Academic Director of the Centre for Transnational Legal Studies in London, as graduate coordinator at WGSI, and on the executive boards of professional associations, both national and international. Her current research focuses on the challenges of governance in the new economy, including the regulation of work and family.</p>	<p>Sandy M. Smith</p> <p>Dr. Sandy M Smith is a Professor in the Faculty of Forestry and cross-appointed to the School of the Environment, EEB, and UTSC. Her research addresses ecosystem resilience to better manage urban forests. She has served as Interim Dean (2010-2012), Graduate Coordinator (1996-2005), UTFA rep (1989-1992), and on 50+ academic tenure, promotion and administrative committees since 1988. She is a Board member of the Toronto Parks & Tree Foundation, LEAF, Ontario Invasive Plant Council, has served on NSERC grant and Invasive Species Science panels, and has been elected Fellow of the Royal Entomological Society and President of the Entomological Society of Canada.</p>