

2017 Governing Council Elections

Teaching Staff (Constituency VII) - Candidates' Statements

(Constituency VII includes all teaching staff who hold their major appointments in the John H. Daniels Faculty of Architecture, Landscape, and Design, Joseph L. Rotman School of Management, Faculty of Forestry, Faculty of Information, Faculty of Law, Faculty of Music and the Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work)

Teaching Staff

David Burnes

As an alumnus and current faculty member at UofT, I am genuinely invested in the well-being of our institution. My service experience includes committee involvement at faculty and university levels, serving as a member of community/professional boards of directors, chairing a province-level elder mistreatment prevention initiative, and advising major international institutions about elder mistreatment prevention (World Health Organization, National Institutes of Health). My priorities as an elected Governing Council member would include upholding/strengthening UofT's reputation as a top-tier university in the global context, modernizing the technological capacity of our research/teaching infrastructures, and enhancing the diversity of our academic community. Website: <http://socialwork.utoronto.ca/profiles/david-burnes/>

Jutta Brunnée

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, in 2014, as its Interim Dean. In both roles, I developed good working 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 of Toronto's Governing Council and I believe that my background places me well to do so effectively.

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Jan Mahrt-Smith

I believe that UofT has good people who work and study here and good people who govern it. I will provide unbiased oversight and feedback to the administration. Over my past 2 years on Governing Council, I have questioned the administration on some capital projects and debt increases, pushed for more leadership on reducing investments in fossil fuels, and supported efforts around our new sexual violence policy. I am a teacher and program director who wants to provide a stimulating and rewarding environment for students. This environment can only exist by supporting research activities and knowledge creation at UofT.

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