

**Governing Council of the University of Toronto
2020-2021**

Biographies



Rose M. Patten, Chancellor

Constituency: Ex Officio Governor

Term(s):
July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2021

Rose Patten is Special Advisor to the CEO and Senior Executives at BMO Financial Group. In this role she advises on select strategies with a particular emphasis on strategy execution, leadership development and succession for top leaders. Dr. Patten's career has spanned the four financial sectors - banking, trust, insurance and investment banking - with responsibilities for Canada, U.S., Europe and Asia. She was inducted into the Hall of Fame of the Canada's Top 100 Most Powerful Women, in 2007, and was recognized by U.S. Banker Magazine as one of the 25 Most Powerful Women in Banking. Dr. Patten is also an experienced board member and has served on a number of corporate and philanthropic boards and from 2014 to 2017 she was Chair of the Board of Trustees of The Hospital for Sick Children. In 2017, Dr. Patten was appointed as an Officer of the Order of Canada in 2017.

Dr. Patten's dedicated service to the University community is extensive and diverse. She is Adjunct Professor and Executive in Residence at the Rotman School of Management, teaching Senior Leadership, Talent and Succession, and Governance and The Rose Patten Mentoring Leadership Program has been named in her honour. Dr. Patten has established numerous scholarships throughout the University that are intended to enhance access to post-secondary education on a needs-basis. She served as a Lieutenant Governor in Council member of the Governing Council from 1998 to 2007, Vice-Chair from 2002 to 2004, and Chair from 2004 to 2007. Subsequently she chaired the Task Force on Governance. She received an Arbor Award in 2001 and an Honorary degree from the University of Toronto in 2009 in recognition of her service to the University. Throughout the Boundless Campaign she was a member of the Campaign Executive, and from 2012 to 2018 she served as Honorary Patron of the King's College Circle Heritage Society. Dr. Patten was elected Chancellor in 2018.



Meric S. Gertler, President

Constituency: Ex Officio Governor

Term(s):
November 1, 2013

Meric S. Gertler began his term as the 16th President of the University of Toronto on November 1, 2013. Prior to that, he served as Dean of the Faculty of Arts & Science—the largest faculty at the University—from 2008 to 2013, where he championed many important innovations in undergraduate teaching and learning.

He is a Professor of Geography and Planning, and the Goldring Chair in Canadian Studies at the University of Toronto. He is a co-founder of a large research program at U of T's Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy investigating the role of city-regions as sites of innovation and creativity in the global economy. His work engages in comparative analysis of North American and European cities to understand how local social and cultural dynamics create the foundations for economic success and prosperity.

Professor Gertler has served as an advisor to local, regional and national governments in Canada, the United States, Singapore and Europe, as well as to international agencies such as the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (Paris) and the European Union. He has authored or edited nine books, including *Manufacturing Culture: The Institutional Geography of Industrial Practice* and *The New Oxford Handbook of Economic Geography* (with Gordon Clark, Maryann Feldman and Dariusz Wójcik). He has held visiting appointments at Oxford, University College London, UCLA, and the University of Oslo.

Professor Gertler is co-chair of the Business-Higher Education Roundtable, a trustee of Toronto's Hospital for Sick Children, a director of MaRS Discovery District and a member of the Board of Universities Canada. He is chair of the U15 Group of Canadian Research Universities and a founding member of the Corporate Leadership Table convened by BMO Financial Group and United Way of Greater Toronto to promote Inclusive Local Economic Opportunity. He also serves as chairperson of the Academic Committee of the China Institute for Urban Governance, and sits on the Singapore Ministry of Education's 11th International Academic Advisory Panel and the International Advisory Board of Uppsala University in Sweden. He previously served on the Expert Panel on Business Innovation in Canada for the Council of Canadian Academies, and the Ontario government's Highly Skilled Workforce Planning and Partnership Table.

A graduate of McMaster University (BA), the University of California, Berkeley (MCP) and Harvard University (PhD), Professor Gertler holds honorary doctorates from Lund University, Sweden, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, China, and Université de Montréal. He is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, the Academy of Social Sciences (UK), the Royal Canadian Geographical Society and a Corresponding Fellow of the British Academy. He has received the Award for Scholarly Distinction in Geography from the Canadian Association of Geographers, the Distinguished Alumni Award from the College of Environmental Design at the University of California, Berkeley and the Distinguished Scholarship Honor from the Association of American Geographers. In December 2015, Professor Gertler was appointed to the Order of Canada.



Claire Kennedy, Chair of the Governing Council

Constituency: Lieutenant Governor in Council Member (appointed)

Term(s):

July 18, 2012 - June 30, 2015

July 1, 2015 - Jun 30, 2018

July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2021

Claire Kennedy is Senior Advisor, Clients and Industries, at Bennett Jones LLP. She is recognized as one of Canada's leading lawyers in tax and transfer pricing and represents large taxpayers during audits and disputes with the Canada Revenue Agency. Ms Kennedy is also a professional engineer.

Ms Kennedy is a seasoned board director and currently serves as lead director of the Bank of Canada and chair of its Audit & Finance Committee. She is also Chair of Neo Performance Materials Inc. and a director of Alamos Gold Inc.

She received her ICD.D designation from the Institute of Corporate Directors and has completed the Making Corporate Boards More Effective program at the Harvard Business School and the Advanced Management Program at the University of Chicago's Booth School of Business. She holds a BAsC (Chemical Engineering) from the University of Toronto, and an LLB from Queen's University.

In 2015, Ms Kennedy received the Citizenship Award from the Professional Engineers of Ontario and in 2017 she was named one of Canada's Most Powerful Women in the Women's Executive Network's Top 100 Awards.

Ms Kennedy has served on the University of Toronto's Governing Council since 2012 and was first elected Chair in 2017. She is a member of the Dean's Advisory Committee at the Rotman School of Management and has been extensively involved at the Faculty of Engineering. She is past President of the Engineering Alumni Association and founder and Chair of its Biz Skule™ committee, a successful alumni outreach program.



Brian D. Lawson , Vice-Chair of Governing Council

Constituency: Lieutenant Governor in Council Member (appointed)

Term(s):

July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2016

July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2019

July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2022

Brian D. Lawson is the Chief Financial Officer and a Director of Brookfield Asset Management. In 2013, he was named Canada’s CFO of the Year by PwC, FEI Canada and Robert Half International. Mr. Lawson is also Chair of the Board of Directors of TerraForm Power, Inc., a U.S.-based solar and wind power company.

Mr. Lawson and his wife Joannah are involved in a number of philanthropic efforts with a primary focus on reducing chronic disease through improved nutrition. These include being the founding sponsors of the Lawson Centre for Child Nutrition at the University of Toronto, and supporters of Community Food Centers Canada, of which Mr. Lawson is a director.

Mr. Lawson received a BA from the University of Toronto (Trinity College) and earned a CA designation from the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants.



Olivia Batt

Constituency: Part-time Undergraduate Student Governor (elected)

Term(s):

October 2, 2019 - June 30, 2020

July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

Olivia Batt is an independent Consultant working in the field of Compensation, Pay Equity and Workplace Investigation. Olivia holds a Master of Laws degree from the University of Toronto, a Certificate in Mediation from York University and a Certificate in Labour Relations from Queen's University. Olivia is currently pursuing a Certificate in Human Resource Management from Woodsworth College at the University of Toronto.



Harvey T. Botting

Constituency: Alumni Governor (elected)

Term(s):

July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2016

July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2019

July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2022

Harvey Botting is retired having completed his career in publishing and communications as Senior Vice-President of Rogers Media. Prior to that, Mr. Botting held a variety of positions at Maclean Hunter Limited, including Vice-President, European Publishing, with responsibility for publishing companies in eight European countries.

In addition to his service to the University on the Governing Council, Mr. Botting sits on the Advisory Board, University of Toronto Faculty of Music and is a Board Member, Liturgical Press, Saint John's University, Minnesota. He has also been actively involved with the University of Toronto Alumni Association (UTAA) Board of Directors, the President's International Advisory Council, and has chaired the Vision Fund at the Rotman School of Management as well as its Alumni Board. In 2001 he received an Arbor Award in recognition of his volunteer service to the University of Toronto.

Mr. Botting earned a BA from the University of Toronto (Victoria College), an MSJ from Northwestern University, and an MBA from the University of Toronto.



David N. Bowden

Constituency: Alumni Governor (elected)

Term(s):

July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2017

July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2020

July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2023

David N. Bowden is a Senior Business Advisor and Entrepreneurship Instructor in the MaRS Discovery District. As a Strategic Growth Consultant since 2008, he has led strategic business transformation projects for numerous clients. Prior to this, Mr. Bowden held international and executive roles at a number of large companies. His extensive volunteer service includes serving as a Director and past Chair of Habitat for Humanity Canada for 14 years and CEO volunteer advisor since 2017. He is a Director of the Bata Shoe Museum and a Member of the Professional Engineers of Ontario.

Mr. Bowden is a double graduate of the University Toronto. He received a BAsC from the Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering and an MBA from the Rotman School of Management. He has completed the ICD (Institute for Corporate Directors) NFP Governance Program.



Adanna Yvette Chigbo

Constituency: Graduate Student Governor (elected)

Term(s):

July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

Adanna Chigbo is a student at the Faculty of Information working towards an MA in Information Systems and Design.

Since 2018, she has held a position at Express Scripts Canada – Cigna, providers of health benefits management services.

Ms Chigbo also holds a BA (Diaspora Transnational Studies, Communications, Culture and IT), from the University of Toronto Mississauga.



P.C. Choo

Constituency: Administrative Staff Governor (elected)

Term(s):

July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2018

July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2021

P.C. Choo is currently on full-time release from the University of Toronto to head up the Job Evaluation Committee at USW Local 1998. He is currently serving as Vice-President of the Local. From 2003-2007, he served as a Principal of the Union Job Evaluation Committee which participated in evaluating all administrative jobs in the bargaining unit at the University. Mr. Choo previously served on the Governing Council for three consecutive terms, from 2004-2016. In 2013, he received an Arbor Award in recognition of his volunteer service to the University of Toronto.

Mr. Choo received an HBSc degree in Economics from the University of London, a Certificate in Personnel Management from the Malaysian Institute of Personnel Management, and an MA in Political Science from the University of Toronto.



Teodora Dechev

Constituency: Alumni Governor (elected)

Term(s):

July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2023

Teo Dechev is Chief Executive Officer, President, and Director of Mundoro Capital Inc. Prior to joining Mundoro Capital, she was a Vice President in Corporate Finance at a Toronto investment bank, advising resource companies on financings, IPO's, and mergers and acquisitions mandates.

Ms Dechev was the President of the University of Toronto's Engineering Alumni Network and is a mentor for the the Entrepreneur Hatchery at the Faculty of Engineering. She also previously sat on the advisory board of the Pierre Lassonde Mineral Engineering Program at UofT.

Ms Dechev has an MBA from the Schulich School of Business at York University, a Bachelor of Applied Science and Engineering in Geological & Mineral Engineering from the University of Toronto, is a licensed Professional Engineer in both British Columbia and Ontario, and holds a ICD.D designation from the Institute of Corporate Directors.



Janet L. Ecker

Constituency: Lieutenant Governor in Council Member (appointed)

Term(s):

March 19, 2014 - March 18, 2017

March 19, 2017 - June 30, 2020

July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2023

Janet L. Ecker is the past President and founding CEO of the Toronto Financial Services Alliance (TFSA), a public-private partnership dedicated to building Toronto as an international financial services centre. Under her leadership, the organization created the Global Risk Institute in Financial Services and launched several other new partnerships between the financial industry and governments. A Senior Fellow of the C.D. Howe Institute and a member of its National Council, she currently sits on a number of corporate and non-profit boards, agencies, and government advisory committees

A former Ontario Finance Minister and the first woman to deliver a budget in the province, Ms Ecker also held the portfolios of Minister of Education, Minister of Community and Social Services, and Government House Leader. Before entering public life, she was Director of Policy for the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario, the first non-physician to hold the role. She is one of the founders of Equal Voice, a national, multi-partisan organization working to elect more women.

In 2016 she received the Order of Canada for public service. She has also received the “Excellence in Leadership” award from the Transformation Institute for Leadership and Innovation, a Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal for public service and was recognized as one of the “Most Influential People in the World’s Financial Centres” by Financial Centres International. She also received one of “Canada’s Most Powerful Women: Top 100 Award” from the Women’s Executive Network and the Richard Ivey School of Business.

Ms Ecker received an HBA in Journalism from the University of Western Ontario.



Susan Froom

Constituency: Part-time Undergraduate Student Governor (elected)

Term(s):

- July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015
- July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016
- July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017
- July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018
- July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019
- July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020
- July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

Susan Froom is pursuing a BA in Philosophy and Political Science at Trinity College. Since 2009, Ms Froom has represented her fellow part-time students as an Assembly Member, Vice President Internal, and President of the Association of Part-time Undergraduate Students (APUS). Ms Froom’s service to the University has included membership in the Council on Student Services, the Hart House Board of Stewards, and the Library Committee.

Ms Froom has also been very active outside the University community, sitting on the boards and advisory committees of several non-profit organizations. She spent many years working as a fundraiser, volunteer co-ordinator, and community organizer pursuing her interest in removing barriers to educational and civic engagement arising from the challenges of disability, poverty and other forms of marginalization.



K. Sonu Gaind

Constituency: Teaching Staff Governor (elected)

Term Information:

- July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2022

Dr. Sonu Gaind is Co-director, Division of Adult Psychiatry and Health Systems Division and Associate Professor, Department of Psychiatry where he has been a member of faculty since 1999. Dr. Gaind is also Chief of Psychiatry and Medical Director of Humber River Hospital. Prior to taking up these roles, he worked for a decade as a psycho-oncology consultant at Princess Margaret Hospital in Toronto. In addition to his academic and leadership roles, Dr. Gaind has maintained a community-based practice.

Dr. Gaind’s has received awards and accolades for his contribution to health policy development and advocacy including holding numerous key leadership positions in provincial, national, and international organizations. He is Director and Past President of the Canadian Psychiatric Association and, in 2017, was elected by the World Psychiatric Association (WPA) to the Board as the Global Zone 1 Representative.

Dr. Gaind holds an MD from the University of Toronto.



Avrum I. Gotlieb

Constituency: Teaching Staff Governor (elected)

Term(s):

July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2015

July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2018

July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2021

Avrum Gotlieb has a distinguished career as an award-winning scholar and educator. He was a cardiovascular pathologist at the University Health Network and a senior scientist at the Toronto General Research Institute investigating the cell and molecular biology of atherosclerosis. Dr. Gotlieb is the founding Chair of Laboratory Medicine and Pathobiology in the Faculty of Medicine, former Interim Vice-Dean, Research and International Affairs and former Interim Vice-Dean, Graduate and Life Science Education in Medicine. He was Senior Academic Advisor to the Dean of Medicine. He has written papers on education, and booklets and a book on mentorship and career development in pathology and in life sciences research. He is currently developing professional graduate programs in Medicine and is a Connaught Scholar involved in translational medicine. He is a Senior Fellow of the Association of Pathology Chairs (Bethesda, MD) where he participates and publishes on Boot Camp for new chairs and the Pathology Leadership Academy.

Dr. Gotlieb received a BSc and MDCM from McGill University.



Sandra Hanington

Constituency: Lieutenant Governor in Council Member (appointed)

Term(s):

July 30, 2020-July 29, 2023

Sandra Hanington is the former President & Chief Executive Officer of the Royal Canadian Mint, where she led a multi-year strategic and operational turnaround. Prior to that she had extensive experience in the financial services sector and served in a number of progressively senior roles in Canada and the U.S. She currently serves as a director for Extendicare Inc. and Aimia Inc.

Ms. Hanington is co-founder and has served as a director of Jack.org, a Canadian youth mental health charity since 2010 and is the recipient of the Meritorious Service Cross from the office of the Governor General for her work with the organization. Ms. Hanington was named by the Women's Executive Network (WXN)TM as one of Canada's Top 100 Most Powerful Women three times in a row and was inducted into the WXN Hall of Fame in 2010.

Ms. Hanington is a licensed professional engineer with a BAsC from the University of Waterloo, an MBA from the Rotman School of Management, University of Toronto, and holds the ICD.D designation.



Sarosh Jamal

Constituency: Administrative Staff Governor (elected)

Term Information:

July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2022

Sarosh Jamal is currently Software Infrastructure and Operations Lead, SAP & NGSIS Platform Modernization Project, Information and Technology Services. Since joining the U of T in 2004, Mr. Jamal has held a number of increasingly senior IT-related roles and is known for his team building skills and bridging gaps between divergent needs and goals to get the alignment needed to move projects forward. He received the University Operations Outstanding Individual Employee Award in 2018.

Mr. Jamal has also been involved in the University community in a variety of roles, most recently serving as an Executive Committee member of the Faculty Club.

Mr. Jamal holds an HBSc in Computer Science and an MSc in Geographic Information Science from the University of Toronto and a Certificate in Project Management from U of T's School of Continuing Studies.



Joan M. Johnston

Constituency: Alumni Governor (elected)

Term Information:

July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2022

Joan Johnston is Managing Director, J.M. Johnston & Associates Inc., where she has been involved in strategic planning and governance across a range of clients. Several, including the Canadian Institute for Advanced Research, The Banff Centre, and the Aboriginal Institutes Consortium, focused on advancing research and education. This followed careers in consulting with Ernst & Young and banking at Bank of Montreal.

Ms. Johnston has been actively involved at the University serving on the St. Michael's College Alumni Board and the SMC Collegium. In addition, she was president of the University of Toronto Alumni Association (UTAA) and received an Arbor Award for her service to the University. Ms. Johnston was also privileged to spend six years as Board member and Chair of Sheridan College.

Ms. Johnston holds an honours BA (St. Michael's College), a Diploma in Business Administration from Rotman, and an ARCT from the Royal Conservatory of Music.



Amin Kamaledin

Constituency: Graduate Student Governor (elected)

Term Information:

July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020

July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

Amin Kamaledin is a Vanier Scholar in the fourth year of the PhD program at the Institute of Biomaterials & Biomedical Engineering. He is a neuroscientist by training, with a passion for learning, classical music, stars, and the nervous system. In addition to building his publication record, Mr. Kamaledin also mentors and tutors pre-university and University students. He is an active member in the community, serving as President of the University's International Students' Caucus and a member of the Neuroscience Program Trainees' Council at the Hospital for Sick Children.

Mr. Kamaledin holds a BSc in Biotechnology from the University of Tehran.



Shashi Kant

Constituency: Teaching Staff Governor (elected)

Term(s):

July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2023

Shashi Kant is a professor of forest resource economics and management and the founding director of the Master of Science in Sustainability Management Program (MScSM) at the Institution of Management & Innovation, University of Toronto Mississauga. He specializes in forest resource economics and forest management systems with an emphasis on economics of sustainable forest management.

Dr. Kant has an extensive publication record and is editor-in-chief of a book series, Sustainability, Economics and Natural Resources, and has served on Editorial boards of many forestry journals. He is the founder of a global think tank -- New Frontiers of Forest Economics (NEFFE).

Dr. Kant is the recipient of many awards for his research and its impact, including the Order of Ontario (2017), the Queen's Award for Forestry (2008), the Canadian Institute of Forestry Scientific Achievement Award (2007) and the International Union of Forestry Research Organization's Scientific Achievement Award (2005).

Dr. Kant received a BE from the Birla Institute of Technology and Science and an MA (Economics) and a PhD (Forest Economics) from the University of Toronto.



Anna M. Kennedy

Constituency: Lieutenant Governor in Council Member (appointed)

Term Information:

March 21, 2019 - March 20, 2022

Anna Kennedy is COO and CFO of King Sett Capital Inc., a private equity real estate investment firm, where she holds overall responsibility for KingSett's financial, governance, investor relations, technology, talent development and other organizational platforms. Previous roles include serving as the Senior Vice-President & Chief Financial Officer for the Canadian Diabetes Association and holding various senior positions with the Oxford Properties Group. Ms Kennedy's community involvement includes serving as Co-Chair of the Toronto Real Estate Forum and she sits on the the board of the C.D. Howe Institute.

Ms Kennedy received an HBCom from Queen's University, and her CA and ICD.D designations respectively from the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Ontario and the ICD Rotman Directors Education Program. She also studied Risk Management for Corporate Leaders at the Harvard Business School.



Paul Kingston

Constituency: Teaching Staff Governor (elected)

Term(s):

July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2018

July 1-2018 - June 30, 2021

Paul Kingston is Professor in the Department of Political Science at the University of Toronto Scarborough (UTSC) and founding Director, Centre for Critical Development Studies, UTSC. Professor Kingston's research interests include the political economy of development in the Middle East region, the politics of citizenship, civil society, and social movements in authoritarian politics contexts, and the history of state formation in the Middle East region with a particular focus on fragile political systems. He has published widely on these topics.

Professor Kingston received an HBA in International Relations from the University of Toronto (Trinity College), an MA from the Institute of Commonwealth Studies at the University of London, and an MPhil and DPhil in Oriental Studies from Oxford University (St. Antony's College).



Sameer Lal

Constituency: Lieutenant Governor in Council Member (appointed)

Term Information:

May 7, 2020 - May 6, 2023

Sameer Lal is a financial services sector veteran with a strong international experience in accounting and finance. He currently serves as Associate Director, Operational Risk with RBC. Prior to his current role, Mr. Lal spent many years in a progressive series of roles with various banks in Canada. He has also worked internationally as a Chartered Accountant in India and a Management Consultant in USA.

Mr. Lal is a Chartered Accountant from India, Certified Management Accountant (CMA), and Project Management Professional (PMP).



Ernest W.N. Lam

Constituency: Teaching Staff Governor (elected)

Term(s):

July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2018

July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2021

Professor Lam is the Dr. Lloyd & Mrs Kay Chapman Chair in Clinical Sciences in the Faculty of Dentistry, the Director of the Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology Graduate Program, and the Associate Dean for Graduate Education. Professor Lam teaches at both the undergraduate and graduate levels in the Faculty of Dentistry, and has supervised both M.Sc. and Ph.D. students in the Faculty. His research interests are primarily clinical, and include radiation dosimetry, visual diagnosis and the development and validation of novel approaches to imaging diseases and disease processes in and around the jaws. Dr. Lam is also a co-Editor of the 8th edition of Oral Radiology: Principles and Interpretation.

Professor Lam received BSc (Chemistry), DMD, and MSc (Dental Science) degrees from the University of British Columbia, and a Certificate in Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology and PhD (Radiation Biology) from the University of Iowa.



Mark Lautens

Constituency: Teaching Staff Governor (elected)

Term(s):

July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2019

July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2022

Mark Lautens is the J.B. Jones Distinguished Professor and holds the AstraZeneca Endowed Professorship in Organic Chemistry. Professor Lautens joined the faculty at the University of Toronto in 1987, and has held the title of University Professor since 2012. He has received numerous academic awards and honours for his research and in 2017 was awarded the JJ Berry Smith Doctoral Supervision Award which recognizes outstanding performance in the multiple roles associated with doctoral supervision. Professor Lautens is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada and an Officer of the Order of Canada (2014).

Professor Lautens holds a BSc from the University of Guelph, a PhD from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and did postdoctoral work at Harvard. He received an Honorary Doctor of Science from the University of Guelph in 2016.



Kikelomo Lawal

Constituency: Lieutenant Governor in Council Member (appointed)

Term Information:

July 30, 2020 - June 30, 2023

Ms. Lawal is Chief Legal Officer, Ombudsman and Corporate Secretary at Interac Corp. She leads the organization's various accountability, governance and oversight functions, leveraging over 25 years practicing law in the United States and Canada. She is a member of the Executive Team and is the Executive Lead for the Governance Committee of the Board of Directors.

She is a mentor to many and contributes her time as a Board member and advisor to various organizations. She obtained her Juris Doctor degree from Harvard Law School in 1995.



Ron Levi

Constituency: Teaching Staff Governor (elected)

Term(s):
July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2021

Ron Levi holds the George Ignatieff Chair of Peace and Conflict Studies and is a faculty member in the Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy and the Department of Sociology. He is also Director of Global Strategy and of the Global Justice Lab at the Munk School, and is a Permanent Visiting Professor at the University of Copenhagen. Professor Levi's research focuses on the role of justice institutions during political junctures and times of global change. He was named by the French Government as a Chevalier in the Ordre des Palmes Académiques in 2018. This is France's oldest civilian decoration.

Professor Levi teaches courses on international law, criminal law, and law and society. He has been awarded the UTSU/APUS Undergraduate Teaching Award for Teaching Excellence at the University of Toronto, as well as the Ludwik and Estelle Jus Memorial Human Rights Prize.

Professor Levi received a BCL and LLB from the Faculty of Law at McGill University and an LLM and SJD from the Faculty of Law at the University of Toronto. He also pursued graduate studies in Sociology at Northwestern University.



Jiazhen (Diana) Li

Constituency: Full-time Undergraduate Student Governor (elected)

Term(s):
July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021

Jiazhen (Diana) Li is in her fourth year of studies at the Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering where she is working to complete a Bachelor of Chemical Engineering and Applied Chemistry. She has recently started her Professional Experience Year at the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO).

Ms Li is an active member of the student community, currently serving as Vice-President Academics for the Sustainable Engineers Association and Alumni Outreach Director for the Engineering Society. Previously, she acted as Mentorship Director and Mental Health Director for the Undergraduate Chemical Engineering Council.



Jan K. Mahrt-Smith

Constituency: Teaching Staff Governor (elected)

Term(s):

July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2017

July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2020

July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2023

Jan Mahrt-Smith is Associate Professor of Finance at the Rotman School of Management and former Academic Director of Rotman’s full-time MBA and Master of Finance programs. Professor Mahrt-Smith teaches Corporate Finance and Sustainable Finance to Undergraduate, MBA, and PhD students. He has won several of Rotman’s top teaching prizes – both from the Dean’s Office and as voted by the students. He has also developed and delivered executive education modules and provided consulting services to Bruce Power, to Citigroup, Corus Entertainment, Scotia and TD Banks. Professor Mahrt-Smith is active in shaping the University’s online teaching environment through membership in various cross-division working groups as well through the design of his own online degree courses.

Professor Mahrt-Smith received a BSc in Business Administration from Boston University and a PhD in Financial Economics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.



Stephane Martin Demers

Constituency: Full-time Undergraduate Student Governor (elected)

Term(s):

July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

Stephane Martin Demers is in his final year of studies at the Faculty of Music where he is pursuing a Bachelor of Music specializing in classical piano.

He has been an active participant in the UofT student community, serving as First Year Classical Director and Second Year Commuter Director for the Faculty of Music Undergraduate Association. Recently, Mr. Martin Demers served as a program assistant for the Black Future Lawyers (BFL) program at the Faculty of Law where he pursued his interests in promoting the academic success of underprivileged groups.



Rajiv Mathur

Constituency: Lieutenant Governor in Council Member (appointed)

Term Information:

March 25, 2020 - March 24, 2023

Rajiv Mathur is a public accounting firm partner, business advisor, and independent director with over 30 years of professional services experience working with private and public enterprises. He is a retired senior partner from Deloitte, and has also held faculty positions at four Canadian Universities, where he taught finance and accounting courses.

Mr. Mathur holds a MBA from Queen’s University and a Bachelor’s degree in Mechanical Engineering from the Indian Institute of Technology, and received his CA, CPA designation from CPA Canada.



Douglas E. McDougall

Constituency: Teaching Staff Governor (elected)

Term(s):

Oct 1, 2018 - June 30, 2020

July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2023

Douglas McDougall is Professor of Mathematics Education in OISE’s Department of Curriculum, Teaching and Learning. He has held several academic leadership roles at OISE, recently finishing a four-year term as Associate Dean, Programs. Professor McDougall is also Editor-in-Chief of the Canadian Journal for Science, Mathematics and Technology Education. Prior to joining the faculty at the University of Toronto in 1997, he taught secondary school in Waterloo and Cambridge and elementary school in Toronto for almost two decades.

Professor McDougall has an extensive publication record and his research on improving instructional strategies at the elementary and secondary school levels has attracted significant funding. He is a member of the Audit Committee of the Ontario Universities Council on Quality Assurance (Quality Council).

Professor McDougall received an HBMath from the University of Waterloo, a BEd from the University of Western Ontario, and an MEd and EdD from the University of Toronto.



Joanne J. McNamara

Constituency: Lieutenant Governor in Council Member (appointed)

Term(s):
February 28, 2019 to February 27, 2022

Joanne McNamara is the Vice-President, Government Relations at the Investment Management Corporation of Ontario (IMCO) an independent investment management organization designed to serve public-sector clients in Ontario. Prior to joining IMCO in 2019, Ms McNamara held the roles of Principal at Santis Health, Chief, Advocacy and Public Affairs, for the Ontario Medical Association and Executive Director, Strategic Projects, for the University of Western Ontario. From 2006 to 2014, she held governmental roles at the federal and provincial levels, including serving as the Deputy Chief of Staff to the Prime Minister of Canada. Her community involvement includes serving as a Board member for St. Joseph's Health Care Foundation and St. Joseph's Hospital.

Ms McNamara studied Political Science at the University of Western Ontario.



Andrew Padmos

Constituency: Lieutenant Governor in Council Member (appointed)

Term(s): October 31, 2019 – October 30, 2022

Andrew Padmos is CEO of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. Prior to joining the Royal College in 1998, Dr. Padmos served in a number of leadership roles including commissioner of Cancer Care Nova Scotia, head of the Cancer Care Program at the QEII Health Sciences Centre, associate dean for cancer programs in the Faculty of Medicine at Dalhousie University, vice-president of research, academic affairs and quality for Capital District Health Authority, director and CEO of the Kingston Regional Cancer Centre in Kingston, Ont., and professor and head of oncology at Queen's University, Kingston General, and Hotel Dieu hospitals.

Dr. Padmos holds a BA in Political Science and Economics from the University of Toronto (Trinity College) and an MD from McMaster University.



Cheryl Regehr

Constituency: Presidential Appointee

Term(s): yearly since Sept 1, 2013

Cheryl Regehr has been the Vice-President and Provost of the University of Toronto since September 2013. Former Dean of the Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work, she is a Professor in the Faculty of Social Work, with cross-appointments to the Faculty of Law and the Institute of Medical Science at the University of Toronto. She is a Senior Fellow of Massey College. Professor Regehr's recent scholarly work focuses on trauma and recovery; competence in professional practice; and stress, trauma and decision-making in high risk professions. As Vice-President and Provost, she is the Chief Academic Officer and Chief Budget Officer for the University of Toronto, overseeing the operating budget and academic activities on three campuses. In 2015, she was named one of Canada's 100 Most Powerful Women by the Women's Executive Network (WXN).

Professor Regehr holds a BA in Psychology from Wilfrid Laurier University and a MSW and PhD from the Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work at the University of Toronto.



Danielle Skipp

Constituency: Lieutenant Governor in Council Member (appointed)

Term(s):
April 2, 2020 – April 1, 2023

In her dual role of SVP Corporate Development and Chief Legal Officer at Nicola Wealth, Danielle Skipp contributes to the identification, development, and execution of Nicola Wealth's strategic initiatives including the firm's ongoing national expansion strategy. She has twenty five years of experience in the financial services industry, including roles at the Canadian Banking Association, CIBC, UBS and two private asset management companies.

Ms Skipp is the Chair of 100 Women in Finance Canada and sits on the board of directors of Ridge Canada Cyber Solutions.

Danielle received an LLB from the University of British Columbia and is called to the bar in both British Columbia and Ontario.



Salvatore M. Spadafora

Constituency: Teaching Staff Governor (elected)

Term(s):

July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2016

July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2019

July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2022

Salvatore (Sal) Spadafora is Vice Dean, Post MD Education (Postgraduate Medical Education and Continuing Professional Development), Professor in the Department of Anesthesia, and an anesthesiologist at Mt. Sinai Hospital. Professor Spadafora has distinguished himself as a leader in medical education and is the recipient of numerous education awards, and is highly respected by health care educators and scholars nationally for his high scholarly and ethical standards, exceptional capacity for work, consensus building and common sense approaches to solving difficult problems. He is a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of Canada (Anesthesiology).

Professor Salvatore studied at Bishop's University before earning his MD from the University of Toronto and MHPE from the University of Chicago.



Andrew Szende

Constituency: Alumni Governor (elected)

Term(s):

July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2015

July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2018

July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2021

Andrew Szende was the Founding President and CEO of the Electronic Child Health Network (eCHN), Canada's first province-wide integrated electronic health record system. Prior to joining eCHN, Mr. Szende worked for the Ontario government in a series of roles, including Associate Secretary of the Cabinet, Assistant Deputy Minister of Health, and Ontario's chief economic and trade representative in Hong Kong where he was also active in the local University of Toronto Association. Mr. Szende has been actively involved in the not-for-profit sector. His current board roles include acting as Chair, Health Claims for Auto Insurance Processing, Chair of the Audit and Finance Committee, OECM, and Director for the Canadian Centre for Aging and Brain Health Innovation.

Mr. Szende received a BA in Political Science from the University of Toronto (University College) and an MSocSci from the National University of Singapore.



Nicholas Terpstra

Constituency: Teaching Staff Governor (elected)

Term(s):

July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015

July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2018

July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2021

Nicholas Terpstra is Professor of History. He was Chair of the Department of History (2013-18) and in 2019-20 is serving as Interim Chair of Italian Studies. His research lies at the intersection of politics, religion, gender, and charity, with a focus on issues dealing with poverty, institutional structures of charity, and urban space and the senses in Renaissance Italy. This work now also involves digital mapping of renaissance cities to gain a better sense of where and how people lived. More recently he has been working on inter-communal relations between different religious groups in the period, and on this theme has published *Religious Refugees in the Early Modern World: An Alternative History of the Reformation* (2015) and *Global Reformations: Transforming Early Modern Religions, Societies, and Cultures* (2019).

Professor Terpstra earned an HBA and MA from McMaster University and a PhD from the University of Toronto.



Wisdom J. Tettey

Constituency: Presidential Appointee

Term(s):

July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020

July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

Wisdom Tettey was appointed Vice-President and Principal of the University of Toronto Scarborough (UTSC) on July 1, 2018. Professor Tettey is a political scientist and a leading researcher on African diaspora, politics and media. Before joining the University of Toronto he served as Dean of the Irving K. Barber School of Arts and Sciences at the University of British Columbia's (UBC) Okanagan campus. Prior to this, he served four years as Dean of the Faculty of Creative and Critical Studies at UBC Okanagan. Professor Tettey is a fellow of the Ghana Academy of Arts and Sciences, was a Killam Resident Fellow at the University of Calgary and a Visiting Research Fellow at the Ghana Centre for Democratic Development.

He holds an BA (Hons) in Political Science and Russian and a Graduate Diploma in Communication Studies from the University of Ghana, an MA in Political Science from the University of British Columbia, and a PhD in Political Studies from Queen's University.

Marium Nur Vahed

Constituency: Full-time Undergraduate Governor (elected)

Term(s):

July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

Marium Nur Vahed is in her final year at Trinity College, where she is studying Diaspora and Transnational Studies and Anthropology.

She is an active participant in the University of Toronto student community, currently serving as President and Founder of the Diaspora and Transnational Studies Union (DTSU). Ms Vahed is also a writer, mental health advocate on campus, and a Mosaic Institute Fellow. Recently, she was honoured as a recipient of the UofT COVID-19 Student Engagement Award.

Grace Ann Westcott

Constituency: Alumni Governor (elected)

Term Information:

July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2023



Grace Westcott is a lawyer and principal of Westcott Law, a Toronto firm founded in 1996, focusing on legal advice for the cultural industries. From 1996 to 2012 she acted as Executive Secretary and subsequently Vice-Chair of the Canadian Copyright Institute. Prior to that she was a partner with Cassels Brock & Blackwell LLP.

Ms. Westcott has been actively involved in the not-for-profit sector throughout her career. She is currently Chair of the Toronto Legacy Project, working in partnership with Heritage Toronto. Previous board positions include DM@X – Digital Media at the Crossroads, PEN Canada, MusicFest Canada, Soundstreams Canada and the Canadian Center for Diversity. She is a member of the Quadrangle Society of Massey College.

Ms. Westcott holds an LLM from Columbia Law School, an LLB from University of Toronto Faculty of Law and a BA from University of Toronto - Victoria College.



Bruce Winter

Constituency: Alumni Governor (elected)

Term(s):

July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2018

July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2021

Bruce Winter is retired, after spending 35 years in public accounting. Mr. Winter was an audit partner with PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP where his client base was focused on larger, multinational clients. He received his FCPA, FCA designation from CPA Ontario. He served on both the Canadian and International Boards which establish standards for the audit profession and subsequently on the oversight council which provides public interest oversight of audit standard setting in Canada.

Mr. Winter has taken an active role in the volunteer community, having held senior roles with St. Joseph's Health Centre (Toronto), and the Canadian Cancer Society (Ontario Division). He currently sits on the board of the Shaw Festival Theatre Endowment Foundation.

Mr. Winter received a BComm from the University of Toronto (Trinity College).



Vishar Yaghoubian

Constituency: Full-time Undergraduate Governor (elected)

Term(s):

July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

Vishar Yaghoubian is in her third year at Woodsworth College where she is pursuing her Honours Bachelor of Arts in Health Studies, Global Health, and Psychology. Ms Yaghoubian has held roles in student leadership for seven consecutive years and aided in community development in Ecuador and is currently the Mental Health Director at the Woodsworth College Students Association.



Samra Zafar

Constituency: Alumni Governor (elected)

Term(s):

July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2019

July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2022

Samra Zafar is a Director, Business Finance of the BMO Financial Group. Ms Zafar is also an award-winning international speaker, author, scholar, and social entrepreneur who advocates for equity, inclusion, human rights, youth, and life after trauma. Her recent memoir, *A Good Wife*, was named a top-10 read by the *Washington Post*. She is the Founder and Executive Director of Brave Beginnings, an organization dedicated to helping women find personalized mentorship, friendship and support to rebuild their lives after oppression and abuse and an Ambassador for Plan International Canada.

Ms Zafar holds an HBSc and MA in Economics from the University of Toronto.



Lara Zink

Constituency: Lieutenant Governor in Council Member (appointed)

Term(s):

April 2, 2020 – April 1, 2023

Lara Zink has 25 years of experience in Capital Markets most recently at RBC as Managing Director, Global Equities. Ms Zink is currently an advisor to several early stage companies. She sits on two Foundation boards, is a member of the CAMH Campaign Cabinet, and an active volunteer for the Special Olympics.

Ms Zink earned an honours BA from Western University, and an MBA from the Rotman School of Management.