The Chancellor is elected by Senate and is the titular head of the University with the power to confer all degrees. The Chancellor also serves as a member of the Board of Governors.

Chancellor David Mirvish is a Canadian theatre producer, art collector and lifelong supporter of the arts. He has been named to the Order of Ontario and to the Order of Canada, the country’s highest honour for lifetime achievement, and has received honorary degrees from several universities. He has served as a trustee of the National Gallery of Canada and the Royal Ontario Museum.

President Alastair Summerlee describes Chancellor Mirvish as a “cultural icon and leader who has been a dominant force in Canada’s artistic community for decades and possesses great vision, ingenuity, imagination and enthusiasm. He is known nationally and internationally for his productions and artistic contributions. His experience, wealth of ideas and endless creativity will be an asset in these times of great challenges. He will also add lustre to our reputation as a place that inspires
creativity and engaged inquiry.”

Chancellor Mirvish will preside at convocations, confer all University degrees and act as an ambassador. As the University’s senior volunteer, he will represent its interests to all government levels.


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