Staff Governance Volunteer Opportunities

About Senate and the Board of Governors

The University functions with a bicameral governance structure set out under the University of Guelph Act (1964) [1], which defines the responsibilities of the Board of Governors and the Senate. Senate is responsible for academic programs, regulations, and policies, whereas the Board of Governors oversees the government, conduct, management and control of the University and its property, revenues, expenditures, business and affairs.

Additional information on the bylaws, membership, meeting schedules, etc. can be found on the Board of Governors [2] and Senate [3] webpages.

Nomination and Election Process

The Board of Governors "Faculty and Staff Electoral Procedures [4]" and the Senate "Regulations Governing the Election of Faculty, Librarians and Staff to Senate [5]" include provisions for representation of staff on the Board and Senate. For Pensions Committee Plan Representative information, refer to the Pensions Committee Terms of Reference [6]. Elections are held annually during the Winter semester. Should an insufficient number of nominations be received during the Winter election period to fill the available staff seats, a by-election is held at the beginning of the following Fall semester.