Board Members

The 2015-16 University of Guelph Board of Governors

Mr. Kevin Golding
Board of Governors Chair

Mr. Kevin Golding is the president of KPLG Advisory Services Inc. and formerly a senior executive with Maple Leaf Foods. He was appointed chair of the Board of Governors as of July 1, 2015 for a two-year term.

Mr. Golding was first appointed to the Board of Governors in 2008, and in 2014 became vice-chair of the board. He has previously served as chair of the Board’s Governance & Human Resources Committee, and the Physical Resources and Property Committee. In 2012, he chaired the Campus Master Plan Steering Committee which led a major initiative to update and revise the University of Guelph’s Campus Master Plan. The updated plan has received a prestigious Ontario Professional Planners Institute award for excellence in planning achievement. In his previous 34-year career with Maple Leaf Foods, was also president of Rothsay, a rendering and biofuels business, and president of Maple Leaf Agri Farms, with locations across Canada.

Kevin holds a Bachelor of Commerce degree from McMaster University. A long-time resident of Guelph, he is also the current chair of the board of BIOX Corporation (a bio-fuels company).

Mr. Graham Badun

Graham Badun is currently President and Chief Executive Officer of AlarmForce, a security alarm monitoring company with branches throughout the U.S. and Canada. Graham was the founder of Westport Partners, a Toronto-based advisory firm focused on
the real estate services sector in North America. Prior to starting Westport, Graham was Group Chief Executive Officer of Brookfield Residential Property Services, a division of Brookfield Asset Management where he worked from 1998 until 2012.

Graham received his BA in Political Studies at Queens University and an MBA from Ivey Business School, Western University.

Ms. Nancy Brown Andison

Nancy Brown Andison is a retired Partner of PricewaterhouseCoopers and an Executive of IBM Canada. A graduate of the University of Guelph (Bachelor of Science in Agriculture) and Queen's University (MBA), Nancy is also a graduate of the Chartered Directors Program (C.Dir) at the DeGroote School of Business at McMaster University.

Nancy's career has focused on consulting and project management, including systems implementation services to public sector agencies in Ontario and Canada. Nancy’s consulting experience includes work in public policy, business strategy and transformation, finance, human resource management, and all aspects of information technology.

She has served on the Board of Directors of the Ontario 4-H Foundation, Farm Radio International (FRI), City of Peterborough Holdings Inc., and Dancemakers. She is on the 2014-15 Board of Directors of the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair Association. Nancy also serves as a Board-appointed member to the University of Guelph Senate.

Mrs. Shauneen Bruder

In her role as Executive Vice President of Operations for the Royal Bank of Canada, Shauneen oversees operations related to all personal and business clients in Canada. In addition, she is a
Shauneen has served as Chair of the both the Canadian Chamber of Commerce and the Canadian American Business Council. She serves as Honorary Consul for Luxembourg in Toronto, and is the Chair of the Ontario Chapter of the Institute of Corporate Directors. She is a recipient of the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee Medal and has been recognized by the Women’s Executive Network as one of Canada’s Top 100 Most Powerful Women.

Shauneen holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Guelph (1980) and was Gold Medalist of the Queen’s University MBA class of 1984. Shauneen and her husband Michael, also a Guelph alum, have three children.

Ms Adina Bujold

Adina Bujold is an elected graduate student member of the Board of Governors. Adina is in the third year of a PhD program in the department of Pathobiology at the Ontario Veterinary College, University of Guelph. During her time at Guelph, she served for four years with the Graduate Students’ Association, including two Executive terms as Vice-President Internal and President. She continues to serve on the
University Senate and several of its standing committees, has served on a number of hiring committees across campus (most recently for the Vice-President Research), and she participated as a member of the Board of Governors’ Working Group for Responsible Investing.

Prior to joining the community at Guelph, she earned her Bachelor of Science degree at the University of Alberta, where she also worked as a research lab manager and technician.

Ms Jennah Carere

Jennah Carere is an elected undergraduate student member of the Board of Governors. Jennah grew up in Guelph. After high school she studied for a year at Lakehead University as a Bachelor of Science (honours) student majoring in Environmental Sustainability, during which time she served on the student union’s Board of Directors. Subsequently she transferred to the Bachelor of Bioresource Management (BBRM) program at the University of Guelph, the first two years of which were formerly at the Ridgetown campus. In her third year, with the shift of the program to the main campus, Jennah become the BBRM representative on the Student Federation of the Ontario Agricultural College. As well, she provides additional support to her fellow students through work on various committees. Jennah enjoys being outside, reading, and dancing, and sustains herself through her friends and family.

Dr. Mary Anne Chambers

Mary Anne Chambers retired as a Senior Vice-President at Scotiabank before serving as a Member of Provincial Parliament (2003-2007) and Ontario’s Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities (2003 – 2005) and
Minister of Children and Youth Services (2005-2007). Mary Anne has served on several Boards in the not-for-profit sector and in addition to the Board of Governors of the University of Guelph, she currently serves as a member of the Board of Directors of CUSO International and the Board of Directors of GraceKennedy Ltd.

Mary Anne has been appointed to the Order of Ontario and has received Honorary Doctor of Laws Degrees from the University of Toronto, York University and Lakehead University, as well as a Vice-Chancellor’s Award from the University of the West Indies, a YWCA Woman of Distinction Award, the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal, the Golden Jubilee Medal of Queen Elizabeth II, and the Prime Minister of Jamaica’s Medal of Appreciation.

Mary Anne is a graduate of the University of Toronto Scarborough, where she majored in Commerce and Political Science. She completed the Executive Management Program at Queen’s University and is a Fellow of the Institute of Canadian Bankers, a Chartered Director (C.Dir.) and a Member of the Institute of Corporate Directors (ICD).

Nancy Croitoru is President and CEO of Food & Consumer Products of Canada (FCPC), Canada’s largest association of companies that manufacture and distribute food, beverage and consumer packaged goods. Nancy is a member of FCPC’s Board of Directors, oversees the association’s operations, and acts as an industry spokesperson, liaising with trading partners and senior government officials on issues of concern to the membership. Nancy is also co-chair of the Consumer Goods Forum (CGF) Global Liaison Group, an alliance
of Consumer Goods Associations around the world, working together on global initiatives and providing strategic insight and support to the global Consumer Goods Forum. In 2013, Nancy was named one of the top 25 Women of Influence in Canada.

Nancy was recently appointed to the Ministerial Advisory Board of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency, reporting directly into the Federal Minister of Health. As well she sits on the Board of Governors for the University of Guelph and the Board of Directors for the Ontario Telemedicine Network (OTN). Nancy is a graduate of McGill University.

Mary Deacon is Chair of the Bell “Let’s Talk” mental health initiative, the largest-ever corporate initiative of its kind in Canada supporting new mental health research, workplace best practices, improved care and access, and anti-stigma programs including Bell “Let’s Talk” Day - a national day of conversation about mental health that takes place each year.

Over her twenty-five year career Mary has held a series of senior positions in the not-for-profit sector including almost a decade as the inaugural President of the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH) Foundation. CAMH is Canada’s largest mental health hospital. She continues to serves on several boards, and is also a member of the World Economic Forum’s Global Agenda Council on Mental Health.

Mary holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Guelph, and is a Certified Fund Raising Executive (CFRE) of the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) Foundation for Canada. In 2015 Mary received an honorary doctor of laws degree from the University of Guelph for her pivotal
leadership role in Canadian philanthropy, most notably in the field of mental health. Mary resides in Toronto, Canada and has four children.

Mary serves on several boards and is also a member of the World Economic Forum’s Global Agenda Council on Mental Health. She resides in Toronto, Canada and has four children.

Mr. Earl Ellis

Earl Ellis is Vice President Financial Reporting and Analysis for Canadian Tire Retail. Over his career, Earl has held a number of finance positions of increasing responsibility within the consumer packaged goods industry in both Canada and the U.S., including roles at Campbell Soup Company (2006-2014), Kraft Canada (1999-2006) and Coca-Cola Bottling (1994-1999).

Earl earned his Bachelors of Arts (Honours) degree in Management Economics from the University of Guelph. He received his Chartered Accounting designation and is a member of the Ontario Institute of Chartered Accountants. Earl lives with his wife and two sons in Toronto.

Mr. Paul Gallagher

Paul Gallagher has worked in a number of leadership roles, most recently as Chief Financial Officer of Wittington Investments Limited, and as Vice-Chair of Wittington Properties Limited. Wittington owns a number of public and private companies including George Weston Limited, one of North America’s largest food processing and distribution groups, which operates under the Weston Food, Loblaw and Shoppers Drug Mart banners.

Previously Paul held roles with Avana Capital Group, Fairwater Capital, Oxford Developments, and PriceWaterhouseCoopers. He currently serves as a Director of Sinai Health Systems where he is Vice Chair of the Audit & Risk Committee, and Vice Chair of the
Ms. Effie Gatsinos

A graduate of Lakehead University’s Bachelor of Commerce honours program, he is a Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA) and a graduate of the Director’s Education program of the Institute of Corporate Directors (ICD.D).

Effie Gatsinos is an elected staff member to the Board of Governors. Effie has held several positions in Admission Services over the last fifteen years, and is currently the Assistant Registrar, Student Recruitment, at the University of Guelph. Effie received a Bachelor of Science (Honours) degree in Biological Science and Neuroscience, and also completed a Master of Arts (Leadership) degree, both from the University of Guelph.

Over her years as both a student and a staff member at Guelph, Effie has served on a number of University committees including, but not limited to: the University Budget Committee, Student Housing Services Committee, University Judicial Committee, and various selection and hiring committees. Effie has also represented the University of Guelph on various provincial admission & recruitment committees. Her most significant contributions have been through the Ontario Universities' Fair Steering Committee, where she served as Chair for three years, and as President of the Ontario University Registrars' Association. She is currently the chair of the Info Editorial Board for OUAC.
Mr. Paul Gibson

Paul is the President of White Tower Group comprising firms focused on human capital strategies, talent search and HR services. Strategic services include organizational design, coaching, executive search and a broad suite of HR services. The group has broad expertise in family and private businesses, solving the unique concerns of changing, growing or entrepreneurial enterprises.

Paul’s professional experience includes executive Human Resource leadership roles for diverse firms such as Mattamy Homes, Fidelity Investments, Palliser Furniture and Noma Industries. In addition, he has led operating and marketing functions as President of Commercial Centres with Mattamy, accountable for the development, construction, leasing and management of a portfolio of commercial and retail centres. Paul’s industry experiences include financial services, manufacturing, retail, construction, import, technology, real estate, packaging, printing, consumer goods, and automotive.

A Certified Director through the Institute of Corporate Directors, Paul serves on the Boards of Proceco Ltd. and Mohawk Shared Services Inc. and is a Governor and Senator of the University of Guelph. He has been a Board Director or Advisor for organizations such as West Park Healthcare Centre, The Goodman School of Business, The Salvation Army, Halton Learning Foundation, Burlington Art Centre, Storytellers School of Toronto, The Oakville Centre for the Performing Arts, Special Olympics and Boy & Girls Clubs of Ontario.

Paul is also a former instructor on Strategic Human Resource Management at Ryerson University, a past Director of the
Dr. Sally Hickson

Sally Hickson (PhD Queen’s 2003) is an elected faculty member to the Board of Directors. Dr. Hickson is the Director of the School of Fine Art & Music in the College of Arts, and Associate Professor of Art History. She served two elected terms on the University Senate and has previously served as a member of the Board of Undergraduate Studies, as well as on a committee to review academic accommodation for students with disabilities. Now an ex-officio member of Senate, she is currently a member of the Senate Board of Graduate Studies and the Graduate Admissions & Progress Committee, and serves as the College of Arts representative to the University’s Research Ethics Board.

From 2010 – 2013 she was President of the Universities Art Association of Canada (UAAC), and she is a former member of the Board of Directors for Hospice Wellington. She is the author and editor of two books, and several articles on Renaissance art and theory, and a winner of the College of Arts Teaching Excellence award.

Mr. Peter MacGowan

Peter is a graduate of the Ontario Agricultural College (OAC ‘81) and of the Faculty of Law, University of Toronto. He is a partner with Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP where he has practiced corporate and banking law since joining the firm in 1990.
After graduating from Guelph, Peter competed as an oarsman with the Canadian National Rowing Team, including at the 1984 Olympic Games. He subsequently served as an infantry officer with Her Majesty's Canadian Armed Forces for five years. Peter is married with a son and a daughter. He continues as an active rowing competitor, and spends as much time as he can on his family's Grey County farm.

Mr. Andrew Marsh

A true entrepreneur, Andrew Marsh founded Richardson GMP, Canada's leading independent wealth management firm, and was part of the team that built the firm from the ground up. Beginning his career in the financial industry over 25 years ago, Mr. Marsh started in investment analysis, then worked directly with clients as an investment advisor, and eventually his career moved to executive leadership with the launch of GMP Private Client in 2004. He served as Managing Director, National Sales of both GMP Private Client and Richardson GMP before being appointed as President and Chief Executive Officer of Richardson GMP in 2010.

Richardson GMP has since grown a unique partnership culture and leading platform devoted to serving affluent Canadian families. Mr. Marsh raised the bar for excellence in wealth management by launching: Richardson GMP Insurance, our revered Tax and Estate Planning team, Connected Wealth’s asset management team and most recently Richardson GMP Private Family Office.

In our community, Mr. Marsh is a member of the Board of Governors of his alma mater University of Guelph and is an active mentor and contributor to the University’s School of Business. He is also a member of the Canadian Advisory Board for
Right to Play Canada, a charity dedicated to helping children worldwide through the power of play. Additionally, Mr. Marsh is active in the advocacy efforts in the Investment Industry Association of Canada and is a member of the Centre for Fiduciary Excellence.

Ms. Wendy Millar

Wendy Millar is currently the Executive Vice President and Chief Risk Officer for Personal and Commercial Banking at Bank of Montreal (BMO) Financial Group. She has worked as a senior executive in the financial services industry for more than thirty years, holding several leadership roles across BMO in corporate, enterprise risk and portfolio management, and in the personal and commercial banking group. Her experience includes work in commercial banking, product management, retail and commercial credit risk, in addition to managing the Bank’s high risk consumer and commercial accounts.

Wendy has been a Board member of the Children’s Aid Foundation, and Interac Association, and she has held various board positions on subsidiaries for BMO. Wendy is a graduate of the University of Guelph’s BA and MA Economics programs.

Mr. David Mirvish

Chancellor

David Mirvish, a Canadian theatre producer, art collector and lifelong supporter of the arts, is the eighth chancellor of the University of Guelph.

As a long time arts patron, David Mirvish is an internationally renowned collector of modern art and a supporter and developer of Canadian theatre productions and emerging visual artists. He owns and operates Toronto’s Royal Alexandra Theatre, Princess of Wales Theatre, Ed Mirvish Theatre (formerly the Canon Theatre) and Panasonic Theatre. He also operated the
renowned Old Vic theatre in London, England. Mirvish Productions has produced plays and musicals for these and other venues throughout Canada, on Broadway and in London’s West End, and presented more than 500 touring productions in Toronto. For many years he also operated the David Mirvish Gallery and an associated bookstore, supporting contemporary art and Canadian artists. He has served as a trustee of the National Gallery of Canada and the Royal Ontario Museum.

Chancellor Mirvish 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. Chancellor Mirvish is also an ex-officio member of the University of Guelph Senate.

Jonathan Newman is an elected faculty member to the Board. A native New Yorker, Johnathan earned BA and PhD degrees at the University at Albany, State University of New York. He was a postdoctoral fellow at Linacre College, Oxford University, from 1990-1994, assistant professor at Southern Illinois University from 1994-1999, and a faculty member and Fellow of St. Peter's College, Oxford University, from 1999-2004. For the past eleven years, Jonathan has been a faculty member at the University of Guelph. He was the founding Director of the School of Environmental Sciences and previously served as Chair of the Department of Environmental Biology. In 2015, Jonathan was appointed Dean of the College of Biological Science. He also serves as an ex-officio member of Senate.

Neil is a Fellow of Chartered Professional Accountants of Ontario (FCPA, FCA) and a...
Mr. James Rice

James Rice is an elected undergraduate student member of the Board of Governors. James is currently entering fourth year in the Criminal Justice and Public Policy major of the Bachelor of Arts degree program. James describes himself as having a passion for world affairs, politics, and travel. “I am a former Crown Ward raised through the child welfare system, so I have gained a thorough appreciating of social justice issues, particularly those relating to the child welfare system. Making post-secondary education as accessible as possible is an issue I truly take to heart and one that I constantly strive to improve. I desire to attend Law School starting in September 2016.”
Dr. Byron Sheldrick

Byron Sheldrick is a faculty-elected member of the Board of Governors. Byron Sheldrick joined the University of Guelph in 2006 and currently is the Associate Dean (Academic) of the College of Social and Applied Human Sciences. He was the Chair of the Department of Political Science for 9 years, served on a number of Senate Committee, Chaired the Senate Committee on Student Petitions, and currently serves on the Board of Governors and the Board Finance Committee. He previously taught in the law department of Keele University in the United Kingdom and in the politics department of the University of Winnipeg. His research interests include law and politics, human rights, and social movements. His teaching interests include law and public administration, Canadian politics, and he has taught on both the graduate program in Political Science and the Masters in Leadership.

Mrs Irene Thompson

Irene Thompson is a staff-elected member to the Board of the Governors. Irene is the Director of Student Housing Services at the University of Guelph. A thirty-two year member of the Guelph campus community, she prides herself in being actively engaged in campus life. She has served in leadership roles on the Professional Staff Association including in the position of Chair. Irene is an active member of the Ontario Association of College and University Housing Officers where she has served as President and in other Executive Committee roles. She is an active committee member and a regular presenter at the annual conference and professional development workshops. Irene is a strong believer in life-long learning and has recently completed her MBA in Hospitality and Tourism and is now officially a Guelph alumna. Irene is also an active community volunteer.
Dr. Franco Vaccarino  
President

An internationally recognized researcher and scholar, Dr. Franco J. Vaccarino was appointed the eighth president and vice-chancellor of the University of Guelph in 2014.

Prior to his appointment at Guelph, President Vaccarino was principal of the University of Toronto Scarborough Campus (UTSC) and vice-president of the University of Toronto. At UTSC, he helped lead significant expansion of the campus and faculty, including significant growth in the professoriate, the expansion of new interdisciplinary academic and research programs, and construction of a new science complex, and instructional centre, as well as a major aquatics and sports facility that was a key site for the 2015 Pan American games.

An internationally-recognized expert on addiction and substance abuse issues, he has served as executive vice-president (programs) and vice-president (research) at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH), and as vice-president and director of research at the Clarke Institute of Psychiatry, both in Toronto. He currently co-chairs the Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse (CCSA) scientific advisory council.

He has received major awards from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research and the Canadian College of Neuropsychopharmacology, and was recently named as a Fellow of the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences. President Vaccarino is the principal editor of the World Health...
Organization's first comprehensive report on the neuroscience of substance dependence published in 2004, and was one of two principal editors of a new national report “The Effects of Cannabis Use During Adolescence” for the CCSA, released in 2015. He has authored more than one hundred publications and is frequently invited to speak at major international conferences on a variety of topics relating to his professional fields of study in psychology and neuroscience as well as his institutional leadership roles. President Vaccarino is the Chair of the University Senate.

President Vaccarino is a tenured professor in the Department of Psychology at the University of Guelph. He holds a B.Sc. from the University of Toronto and a M.Sc. and Ph.D. in psychology from McGill University, and received post-doctoral training at the Scripps and Salk Institutes in California. President Vaccarino and his family reside in Guelph.

- Board = Board Appointed
- LGIC = Lieutenant Governor Order-in-Council, Government Appointment
- Alumni = University of Guelph Graduate
- * = Subject to approval by the provincial government.