Board Members

The 2016-17 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).

Ms. Laura Armstrong

Laura Armstrong is an elected undergraduate student member of the Board of Governors. She is entering her fifth year of the Bachelor of Arts and Sciences Program, minoring in Ecology, Psychology and Geography, with a certificate in Environmental
Laura has previously been involved with the Bachelor of Arts and Sciences Student Association, acting as a liaison to other colleges, and just completed a term as the Vice President of Communications for the College of Biological Sciences Student Council. She has also served on various other committees on campus such as the Information Technology Student Advisory Committee, and is passionate about improving campus services through student input.

After graduation, Laura hopes to pursue a career in the environmental studies or scientific communication fields, and hopes to build on her communication skills through her involvement with the Board of Governors and the student community.

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.

Gerrit has been on campus since 1980, 5 years as a student graduating with a B.Sc in Engineering in 1987, and almost 30 years as an employee. He was Staff-Alumnus representative on the Board of Governors from 1995-2000 and a member of the executive of the Professional
Staff Association from 1993 to 1995, in addition to many other contributions. In 2014, Gerrit obtained an M.A. (Leadership) from the University of Guelph. Professionally, he is the Information Technology Security Officer. He has held a CISM designation from ISACA since 2013 and is a CISSP Associate with ISC² since 2015.

He and his wife Freda live in the small town of Everton and have four children, Colin, Adam, Elissa and Kelsey. The have an aging dog named Bear, a cat named Bella, and a leopard gecko named Sky.

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.
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 member of the Group Operating Committee charged with oversight of day-to-day management of RBC globally. Shauneen joined RBC in 1984, and has held a variety of roles, including Executive Vice-President of Business and Commercial Banking, Chief Operating Officer of the Global Wealth Management division, and President of RBC Centura Banks headquartered in North Carolina. A certified director (ICD.D), she is a director of various RBC subsidiaries and also serves on the boards of a number of not-for-profit organizations, including the Shaw Festival and Pine River Institute.

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. Sonia Chwalek**

Biographical information to follow

**Mrs. Nancy Croitoru**

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.

Ms Mary Deacon

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 serve on several boards, and is also a member of the World Economic

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 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

As Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer for Best Buy Canada, Earl sets the tone and direction for the organization on everything from capital allocation and controls to operational efficiency and accountability for results. Responsible for the Accounting, Financial Planning & Analysis and Tax functions, he plays an integral role in the development of strategic growth plans, and provides analysis of and sound guidance around the achievement of the company’s financial vision and goals.

With over 20 years of progressive experience in finance, internal audit and treasury, Earl is known for his ability to build, coach, and inspire engaged and effective teams across diverse functions. A passionate and creative leader, he proactively identifies opportunities, drives innovation, and transforms strategic plans into tangible results.

Prior to joining Best Buy Canada, Earl held senior finance positions with multinational consumer-packaged food and retail companies, including the roles of
Vice President of Financial Planning & Analysis for Canadian Tire and Vice President and Chief Financial Officer for the Campbell Company of Canada.

Earl holds a Chartered Accountant designation and sits on the Finance Committee, Pension Committee, and Board of Governors for the University of Guelph, where he received his Bachelors in Economics. He also serves on the Board of Directors for Toronto-based Grace Kennedy Foods.

Outside of corporate life, Earl keeps busy with sports, music, traveling, and spending time with his wife and two sons.

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 Investment Committee. He is currently chair of the Bridgepoint Foundation and is past President of the Board of the Children's Aid Society of Toronto. He has also served on the boards of Rostland Corporation, Artez Interactive, Palletronix Corporation, Pace Integration, Ryerson Oil and Gas, and Northern Geophysical Company of America.

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).

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 Human Resource Professionals Association, a past member of the Special Experts Panel on Employee Relations for the US-based Society of Human Resource Management, a chair & speaker at conferences and a commentator on Human Resources related matters for CBC Radio.

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. Bill Hogarth
Bill Hogarth served as the Director of Education at York
Regional District School Board for 16 years. He is a collaborative senior leader who, in periods of both expansion and consolidation over the past forty years in two school boards, has had a broad range of experiences, including expertise in developing and implementing strategic plans, policy development, working with Ministry regulations, as well as in the development of curriculum and professional development programs.

He is past Chair of the Board of Governors for Seneca College, and currently serves on the Board of Trustees for the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH). He is the recipient of an honorary doctorate of laws degree from York University in 2010.

Excerpt from the honorary degree citation:

William Hogarth served with distinction for 16 years as director of education for the York Region District School Board before retiring in December 2009. Throughout his 39-year career as an educator, Hogarth was a deeply committed advocate of public education. As director of education, he demonstrated an unrelenting focus on improving student achievement, not only through classroom instruction but by building innovative programs and partnerships to promote healthy families and communities in York Region. He understood the need for a strong relationship between the community and school board, to identify at an early age students with challenges and provide the assistance they need. To this end, he became founding director of the Community Alliance for York Region Education in 1997, a community-based organization that has leveraged considerable business and government support for programs and initiatives.
regarding anti-bullying, student leadership and early literacy. In 1999, Hogarth became founding chair of the York Region Advisory Forum on Children, Youth & Families, a coalition of more than 65 community organizations that support and promote optimal child development. On his retirement, Hogarth left a legacy of a radically transformed school board whose young people are now among the most literate and highest school achievers in Ontario. His innovations are being emulated by school districts across Canada and internationally.

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

Ms. 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.

Dr. Coral Murrant

Biographical information to follow
Mr. Neil Parkinson

Neil is a Fellow of Chartered Professional Accountants of Ontario (FCPA, FCA) and a partner in KPMG LLP. He has worked in public accounting since receiving a Bachelor of Mathematics degree from the University of Waterloo in 1977, and he qualified as a Chartered Accountant in 1978. He is KPMG’s National Insurance Sector Leader for Canada, based in Toronto. Neil is the chair of the Insurance Auditors Advisory Committee to the Canadian federal financial services regulator, the Superintendent of Financial Institutions Canada, and is a member of the Canadian Accounting Standards Board’s Insurance Accounting Task Force and of KPMG’s global insurance technical committee. He has chaired or co-chaired technical working groups for the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants and joint working groups with the Canadian Institute of Actuaries. He has also served as a volunteer, director, treasurer, board chair or president of several community and national organizations, including Prostate Cancer Canada. He also serves as a Board-appointed member of the Senate of the University of Guelph.

Mr. Thomas Sasso

Thomas Sasso is a PhD candidate in Industrial/Organizational Psychology at the University of...
Guelph, where he also received his master’s degree. His research is dedicated to understanding and improving the experiences of diverse and marginalized populations in workplaces, with particular emphasis on LGBTQ+ individuals. He co-founded the Sexual and Gender Diversity Research Lab with a focus placed on improving inclusive and accessible education and research. In addition to his research experience, Thomas has worked as an organizational consultant to support individuals and improve workplaces. In his spare time, he has been actively involved in his communities, serving on the board of directors of a number of community organizations, and as a member of the advisory board for See Different, a program of the Canadian Centre for Diversity and Inclusion that develops inclusive leadership among high school students.

Byron Sheldrick is a faculty-elected member of the Board of Governors. Byron 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 Committees, 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
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 and has been a member of the United Way of Guelph Wellington Dufferin United Way Campaign Cabinet and Board of Directors for ten years.

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.

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