Call for Student Nominations to Senate and the Board of Governors

Why get involved in university governance?

- Develop your interpersonal and communication skills;
- Be a part of conversations and decisions that will impact the University;
- Build your resume and network; and
- Develop leadership skills.

University of Guelph Senate
The University of Guelph Senate was established through the University of Guelph Act, 1964 and is responsible for academic programs, regulations and policies. Comprised of a membership that is representative of the University community, with both elected and ex-officio members, some of the responsibilities of Senate include regulating and determining the educational policy of the University, determining the courses of study and standards of admission to the University and continued membership therein, qualifications for degrees and diplomas, and electing the Chancellor.

For more information about Senate please visit the University Secretariat webpage.

University of Guelph Board of Governors
The University of Guelph was established by the University of Guelph Act, 1964 which requires that the University be overseen by a bicameral governance structure consisting of a Board of Governors and Senate. The Board of Governors is responsible for oversight of the government, conduct, management and control of the University and its property, revenues, expenditures, business and related affairs. The Board is also responsible for the appointment of the President and has authority over all areas of University governance not specifically assigned to the Senate by the Act.

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Commitment to Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI)
The University of Guelph recognizes that an inclusive campus and a culture of inclusion are institutional and social imperatives. A culture of inclusion necessitates the involvement of stakeholders with a wide array of lived experiences, identities and perspectives on Senate and the Board of Governors to support, oversee and drive a strategic and system-wide approach to EDI.

The University of Guelph has a long-standing commitment to equity, diversity, and inclusion on our campuses, which is outlined in the 2016 strategic framework, Our Path Forward. A key pillar of this framework is a dedication to Nurture our Distinctive Culture by working together openly, respectfully, and inclusively.

The University of Guelph has an obligation to pay attention to historical and ongoing injustice and racism, to address it, and to play an active part in creating a more just and equitable society. Our approach is multifaceted. The President’s Advisory Committee on Anti-Racism
provides advice on concrete steps that the University should take to develop an anti-racism policy and build an even more inclusive and diverse campus community that welcomes and supports all of its members, including members of BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and Persons of Colour) communities.

The Indigenous Initiatives Strategic Task Force, mandated by the President’s Advisory Committee on Indigenous Initiatives, has developed an Indigenous Initiatives Strategy. Created with the support of students, staff, faculty, and community members, the strategy includes recommendations for further Indigenization and reconciliation activities in the areas of governance, pedagogy and curriculum, research and scholarship, Indigenous student support, and campus environment.

The University is committed to fostering a culture of inclusion and to designing, reviewing, and rebuilding structures – including policies, programs, and practices – that are inclusive, equitable, and accessible to all. In keeping with this commitment, the University strongly encourages nominations of individuals from historically marginalized and underrepresented communities including those who identify as Black, Indigenous, or Persons of Colour; persons with a disability or who identify as differently abled; persons of all genders, and sexual orientations; and those with a demonstrable track record of confronting oppression and promoting belonging in their organizations and communities.

Submitting a Nomination
This is your opportunity to get involved in university governance, develop leadership skills, network and volunteer on campus!

To download a nomination form please visit the University Secretariat webpage. Once you have completed the nomination form, please submit the form via email to the University Secretariat at election@uoguelph.ca

Questions?
Please email election@uoguelph.ca if you have any questions related to the elections process.

Nominations must be submitted by February 9, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.