

My name is Bruce Ravelli, Department of Sociology, and I am running for one of the two faculty positions on the Board of Governors.

Before joining UVic in 2013, I was a full professor at Mount Royal University (1997-2013). At Mount Royal I was the elected Faculty Representative to the Board of Governor's (two terms), elected member of *General Faculties Council* (the Alberta equivalent to our Senate) for 12 years, and Chaired the University-wide *Appointments, Promotion and Tenure Committee* for two years. My governance experience extended beyond the university as I also served multi-term Director appointments for the *Calgary Community Lottery Board* and the *Calgary John Howard Society*. Since joining UVic I have been *Director, Office of Interdisciplinary Academic Programs* (2017-2020 - office disbanded) and *A/Chair of Sociology* (2023-2024 - Chair went on academic leave). Currently, I am a member of the Faculty Association's *Negotiating Team*, the *University Academic Appointments Committee* and was the inspiration behind an EDI initiative entitled, *Strangers by Design*.

These positions and experiences have given me a deep understanding of administrative structures, policy development, collective bargaining, faculty/administration relations, and diverse governance regimes including bicameralism and the Carver model.

If I was appointed to the Board, I would use my time to build stronger connections between faculty and public members of the Board. The Board needs to understand what it is like to teach and do research at UVic. While I believe UVic does many things well, we are facing significant financial pressures and administrative practices that make it more important than ever for the Board to hear faculty (and staff, and student) voices.

If elected, I would build upon my previous experiences to create more transparent and collaborative relationships between faculty and the Board of Governors.

Thank you for your consideration.

Bruce