BIOGRAPHY

Christopher Gillespie is passionate for community service, good governance, and sustainability. He believes the university is at a critical period of transition, where insight and guidance from the Board will be valuable for providing continuity and context as we onboard a new President. As the staff member for the Board, he believes the insight from his position at the university, which touches on all aspects of operations, combined with his decades of board governance and community experience, will bring a necessary holistic voice to the table.

He currently serves as the university's Corporate Privacy Officer and Director of Privacy and Access. Previous career positions include being the Senior Program Manager for Smart Infrastructure with the TELUS' Data & Trust Office, a senior policy advisor with BC's privacy regulator, as well as a privacy advisor with both the BCCDC and Ministry of Citizens' Services. He holds a Master of Laws from Osgoode Hall Law School, a Master of Public Administration from the Royal Military College of Canada, and a BA in Political Science from the University of Victoria.

Christopher's experience on public institution and non-profit boards include positions encompassing policy, organizational design, and compliance activities He served for three years on the Camosun College Board of Governors. During this time, he was a member of the Presidential Search, Policy, and Finance Committee, as well as the Board's representative to the College's Education Council. Outside of post-secondary, Christopher has been the chair of four boards. Most recent roles have included being a member of IAPP's Canada Advisory Board, three years as President of the Independent Housing Society of Greater Victoria, Cochrane Public Library's Secretary, and a member of the Executive, policy, and finance committees for the Marigold Library System. He lives in Lake Cowichan with his husband and two dogs.