

RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR CONDUCTING ELECTIONS

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

1. Authority

In accordance with sections 12(2) and 17(2) of the College and Institute Act the Registrar is required to establish rules for the purpose of conducting elections for positions on the Board of Governors. In the event of conflict between these rules and procedures and the Act, the Act shall prevail.

2. Definitions

Act	Means the College and Institute Act.
Board	Means the Board of Governors
Candidate	Means the individual nominated to stand for election .
Chief Elections Officer	Means the Registrar or an individual appointed by the Registrar to conduct an election.
Elections Page	Means the webpage maintained on the Okanagan College website that is accessible to all eligible Candidates and voters and includes relevant election information.
Election Schedule	Means the specific dates and deadlines established and published by the Chief Elections Officer for an election.
Faculty	Means any faculty member or vocational instructor employed by Okanagan College who is a member of the Okanagan College Faculty Association or BC Government and Service Employees' Union (Vocational Instructors).
Program Area	Means any program administered by Arts, Business, Foundational, Health, Office Administration, Science, Social Development, Technologies and Trades
Rules	Means the rules and procedures outlined in this document.
Support Staff	Means any individual employed by Okanagan College who is a member of the BC Government and Service Employees' Union (Support Staff) or covered by the Terms and Conditions for E

3. Elected Positions and Terms of Office

The following outlines seats allocated under the Act for elected representatives on the Board.

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Should any elected representative not continue to be eligible to hold office during their term , they are immediately considered to have resigned their seat.

Faculty Positions

Eligibility to stand for election and to hold office	Be in good standing with their representative group and have an employment contract or a reasonable expectation of a contract that covers the period of the term of office .
Eligibility to nominate or vote for this representative	Be in good standing with their representative group and employed on the day the election is held.

Support Staff Positions

Eligibility to stand for election and to hold office	Be in good standing with their representative group and have an employment contract or a reasonable expectation of a contract that covers the period of the term of office .
Eligibility to nominate or vote for this representative	Be in good standing with their representative group and employed on the day the election is held.

Student Positions

Eligibility to stand for election and to hold office

Be deemed to be in good standing by the Registrar.

Any Student is eligible be nominated to be a Student elected member with the following exception: that a Student candidate may not be employed by the College as a Support Staff, Faculty or Educational Administrator except when the employment falls under one of the following: Letter of Understanding #1 - Student Employees, Letter of Understanding #2 –Co-operative Education Students and Letter of Understanding #3 – Research Projects as part of the Collective Agreement between Okanagan College (Support Staffoon

Election Rules and Procedures-

Election Appeals Committee

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Appendix A - Excluded Positions

Under the College and Institute Act, the elected employee members of the Board of Governors include one member of “faculty” and one member of “support staff”. The following definitions are found in the Act for these representative groups:

"support staff" means the employees of the institution who are not the president, educational administrators or faculty members;

"faculty member" includes an instructor, librarian, tutor, counsellor, research associate, program coordinator or other employee of the institution that a collective agreement between the bargaining agents, as defined in section 1 of the Labour Relations Code, for the institution and faculty members specifies to be a faculty member;

Further the Act defines “educational administrators” as follows:

"educational administrator" means a person who is employed by the institution and whose duties include the following:

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