

Governor Emeritus

Category: Board of Governors

Approval: Board of Governors

Responsibility: University Secretary

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By-Law No. 1 of the Board of Governors provides that

The Board may from time to time appoint one or more Governors Emeritus. Such persons shall be entitled to notice of and to attend all open meetings of the Board but shall not be entitled to vote at any such meeting.

The title Governor Emeritus is conferred for the purpose of honouring past exemplary service, and providing an ongoing avenue to engage distinguished volunteers in building support and goodwill for the University.

Conferring this title does not give authority for governance or decision making, or provide the right to participate in or receive confidential materials for closed, restricted or in camera sessions of the Board.

- **Nominations.** Nominations for Governors Emeriti originate with the Board's Nominating and Governance Committee.
- **Criteria.** In making recommendations to the Board for the appointment, the Nominating and Governance Committee shall give consideration to a former Governor's
 1. exemplary service to the Board and the University
 2. ability and willingness to be an ambassador for Trent and to further the University's external relationships, and
 3. capacity to continue to add value to the University on a going-forward basis
- **Eligibility.** Former external members of the Board who completed two full terms, or 6 years, are eligible for appointment.
- **Recognition and Involvement:** The title of "Governor Emeritus" will be conferred as an honorific designation at a Board event befitting the prestige of the position, including commemorative recognition such as a plaque or certificate. Members will be listed on the Trent University website and invited to host or participate in important University events and Governors Emeriti meetings.
- **Term.** The title Governor Emeritus is conferred on a lifetime basis.

Contact Officer:

University Secretary

Date for Next Review:

May 2028