



Justin Donaldson

I am pleased to put my name forward for consideration as a non-faculty member of the Thompson Rivers University Board of Governors. As a lifelong member of the Kamloops community and a TRU alumnus, employee, former varsity athlete, coach, and volunteer, I have developed a strong connection to the university and a deep appreciation for the role TRU plays in our community.

I currently serve as an Academic Initiatives Administrative Coordinator within the Bob Gaglardi School of Business and Economics at Thompson Rivers University, a position I have held since 2023. In this role, I support the Dean and contribute to a wide range of academic, administrative, operational, and strategic initiatives. My work involves coordinating projects, supporting faculty and staff, assisting with academic processes, and collaborating with stakeholders across the university. This experience has provided me with a practical understanding of the day-to-day operations of a university and the importance of collaboration, accountability, effective governance, and decision-making.

I am also currently completing my Master of Business Administration at TRU, building on my Bachelor of Business Administration (2021), with a major in Human Resources Management and a minor in Project Management. I also hold a Certified Early Childhood Educator Diploma (2019) and am a CPHR candidate. Prior to joining TRU, I worked as a Human Resources Advisor with Acres Enterprises Ltd.

My connection to TRU extends well beyond my professional career. I was a TRU varsity soccer athlete from 2016–2020, including serving as team captain, and later served as an Assistant Coach with the TRU Men's Soccer Team from 2020–2024. My time with TRU Athletics has been foundational in shaping my character, providing mentorship, and supporting my academic, professional, and athletic development.

Leadership has been a consistent part of my experience. Through athletics, coaching, employment, and community involvement, I have developed strong leadership, organizational, and managerial skills. I consider myself a flexible thinker and practical problem solver who approaches my work with professionalism, while recognizing the importance of listening, working collaboratively, and adapting to different perspectives. I currently serve as an Advisory Member with Kamloops United Football Club.

I believe my combination of TRU experience, business and administrative education, human resources background, leadership experience, athletics, family, and community involvement would allow me to bring a practical, collaborative, and well-rounded perspective to the Board of Governors. I would be honoured to contribute my experience to the continued development of Thompson Rivers University and to support its students, employees, and broader community.