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Candidate for Gaglardi Representative to Senate

I have been at TRU since 2006. I'm running for a second term on Senate. After one term on Senate, I understand how it operates and where a Gaglardi voice can make a difference, and I'd like the chance to keep doing that.

Over the years I've served on Senate, the Graduate Studies Committee of Senate, and APPC. I was program coordinator for the MEEM and MScEEM programs for two terms (six years), chaired the Economics department for one term (three years) and chaired the Marketing department for one year. Seeing the university from each of those seats has shown me how a Senate decision lands in a program or a classroom.

I've published more than 20 articles in peer-reviewed journals and presented at 25 academic conferences. My research areas include community economic development, public policy, and environmental economics. I've also supervised over 30 master's students, plus several undergraduate research projects. Students are why I do this work, and it's the lens I bring to Senate business.

Outside the university, I served for several years on the Board of Directors of Community Futures in Kamloops, including two years as board chair. That work gave me a close look at how a community organization makes decisions, balances competing needs, and answers to the people it serves. I hope to bring the same approach to Senate.

If you elect me, I'll bring what I've learned about how Senate works and represent Gaglardi faculty and students as well as I can. Thank you for considering me.