

Candidate Statement for Board Faculty Representative - Peter Tsigaris

My name is Peter Tsigaris, and I am a Professor of Economics in the Bob Gaglardi School of Business and Economics. I hold a Ph.D. in Economics from Concordia University. I have been a faculty member at TRU since 1993, and I have served at the rank of Professor since 2013

I am honoured to stand as a candidate for the Faculty representative position on the TRU Board of Governors for the term January 1, 2027, to December 31, 2029. If elected, I will bring faculty perspectives to the Board while contributing to decisions that serve the university as a whole. Faculty voices are essential to good governance because we are directly connected to teaching, research, students, academic standards, community engagement, and the long-term reputation of the institution.

I have extensive governance and service experience at TRU. I previously served on the Board of Governors during President Alan Shaver's term for 2012-2014 and have served twice on TRU Senate, for 2006-2008 and for 2018-2020. I have also served as Chair of the Department of Economics, Chair of the Environmental Advisory Committee of Senate and the Board, and on numerous university, school, and departmental committees related to promotion and tenure, academic planning, appointments, sustainability, program development, and curriculum.

My service, teaching, mentoring, and research at TRU have been recognized through several awards, including the TRU Distinguished Service Award in 2020, the TRU Undergraduate Research Mentor Award in 2025, the TRU Graduate Research Mentor Award in 2024, the TRU Environmental Achievement Award in 2014, the TRU Chair Leadership Award in 2014, the TRU Master Teaching Award in 2012, and research excellence awards at both the university and school levels.

My academic work focuses on environmental economics, public economics, taxation, uncertainty, education economics, and scholarly publishing. I have published more than 80 peer-reviewed journal articles and have worked extensively with undergraduate and graduate students in research. I am also the founder and co-editor of *Future Earth: A Student Journal on Sustainability*, a TRU-based student research journal that supports student contributions to public knowledge.

I care deeply about TRU as a teaching, research, and community-serving university. I would bring to the Board long institutional memory, a commitment to collegial governance, and a strong belief that faculty voices must be heard clearly when decisions affect the academic mission of the University.