The following members of faculty have been nominated for membership on the Board of Governors (term from July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2026). Candidate statements are included below.

1. **Abdel-Rahman Lawendy** – Associate Professor, Schulich / Surgery

2. **Beth MacDougall-Shackleton** – Professor, Science / Biology

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**Abdel-Rahman Lawendy**  
*Associate Professor*  
*Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry, Department of Surgery*

It would be a great honor and a privilege to serve on Western’s Board of Governors. I have been at Western University for over 20 years as a student (MD, PhD, residency, fellowship), faculty member (Associate Professor, Department of Surgery), and leader (Graduate Program Chair, Research Director, Assistant Dean). I can offer the Board a broad range of experience and perspective as an insider at multiple levels and as a member of the global clinical academic community. For some, the connection between health care, education, and research has never been more evident than during the pandemic. But I live this reality everyday as an orthopaedic trauma surgeon in an Academic Health Sciences Centre: caring for thousands of patients; training the next generation of physicians and scientists; discovering innovative therapies that save lives; and collaborating with organizations and countries around the globe to disseminate knowledge, build capacity for patient care, and expand our collaborative footprint. I am a surgeon, an academic, a leader, and a community member. I care deeply about the University and its future. I have a strong desire to serve in the governance of the University where I can link multiple constituencies and interests for the greater good.
Beth MacDougall-Shackleton  
Professor  
Faculty of Science, Department of Biology

I joined Western in 2004 and am now Full Professor of Biology. I’ve taught at all levels, from first-year courses with 1500+ registrants to 4000-level and graduate courses, and received the Graduate Mentorship Award from the Faculty of Science. I have served on major Departmental committees (e.g. APE, Appointments, Graduate Education, Workload, Chair Search) often in leadership roles (e.g. Graduate Chair). University-wide, I serve on Scholars at Risk and the Provost Search Committee, with other recent service on SCAPA, UWOFA observer at Senate, and the Strategic Plan Steering Committee. I am best known for my leadership of UWOFA during a tumultuous time of pandemic-disrupted working conditions. This, combined with service on the 2018 negotiating team and many UWOFA initiatives, keeps me keenly aware of faculty concerns across campus. I am well aware how important collegial governance is in protecting faculty working conditions, student learning conditions, and the university’s academic mission. Outside my formal roles, I advocate vocally for science-informed decisions (eg vaccine mandate) and for an ecologically sustainable and biodiverse campus. If elected to the Board, I will champion equity and inclusivity; academic freedom; collegial governance; ethical investment; environmental responsibility and reduced car-dependence; and resisting the corporatization of public education.