



## **Board of Governors' Elections Candidates for Permanent Manager Position**

### **1. Andre De Freitas, Manager, Financial Aid & Awards**

Andre is the Manager, Financial Aid & Awards at OCAD University. He has over 10 years of progressive experience in the post-secondary education sector in financial aid and student services at various colleges and universities in Ontario. He has a Masters of Education from Schulich School of Education, and a Bachelor of Business Administration from the University of Guelph. He is also working towards his Doctor of Education Management from the University of South Africa. Andre is a member of the Ontario University Registrars' Association and the Canadian Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators and serves as Chair of Professional Development of the Ontario Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators.

Andre says: *"I would like to join the Board of Governors not to only broaden my experience but to give back to the OCAD U community. I am a student advocate and a manager who believes in employee development. If provided the opportunity to join our [Board] I will ensure that I apply my background to linking our institution's Strategic Enrollment Plan to deliver results through student/staff empowerment while maximizing student retention. My experience consists of risk management & control, policy development, student information systems, financial literacy, government loan programs, student success development, career mapping, student advising, and admissions & recruitment."*

### **2. Margot Jeffery, Officer Manager, Faculty of Design**

Margot is the Office Manager, Faculty of Design at OCAD University. She has worked for OCAD University (or its predecessors) for 28 years in various positions in the Office of the Faculty of Design and in alumni relations. Margot has a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Toronto and a teaching certificate in primary education from the University of British Columbia. She has participated on various OCAD University committees, including current memberships on the Project Chroma Advisory Committee, Design Deans' Advisory Committee, Design Curriculum Committee, OCAD U Grad Ex Committee, and the Design Strategic Plan Committee. She was a recipient of the Procurier Award for Employee Excellence in 2009 and the OCAD Alumni Association Award of Honour in 1990.

Margot says: *"I have given my heart and soul to OCAD U for almost 28 years and have come to understand the necessities and pressures of change and developed the tools for implementing it practically and progressively. As Office Manager, Faculty of Design I have made a significant contribution to the academic/financial planning we do each year and have been a driving force for change in the Faculty of Design over the years. I feel I could bring insight from a student/curricular perspective and be able to offer background information to external members in terms of process, planning and institutional history."*