Position Profile for Chancellor

The position:

The Chancellor is the titular head of the University and, when authorized by the Senate to do so, shall confer all degrees, honorary degrees, certificates and diplomas on behalf of OCAD University.

The ideal candidate for the role of Chancellor would possess:

1. The stature and leadership to enhance OCAD U’s image and advance its vision and mission.
2. An outstanding record of public achievement.
3. Professional experience and network to complement those of the President, the Board of Governors, and the senior leadership.
4. The capacity to further the advancement of OCAD U’s interests with government, the private sector and the broader community.
5. A highly-respected reputation in the broader public and private sectors.
6. Ability and willingness to help OCAD U fulfill the goals of its strategic plan, including willingness to lend personal endorsement to development activities.
7. Ability and willingness to assist in mobilizing support for initiatives important to the university and its larger stakeholder community.
8. International exposure and experience in the global context would be an asset.
9. Racialized or Indigenous representation would be an asset.

Specific duties:

1. To serve as a senior diplomat and ambassador for OCAD University.
2. To preside at convocation and confer all degrees, honorary degrees, certificates and diplomas on behalf of the University.
3. To work with the President in developing the resource capacity of the University.
4. To participate in the outreach activities of the University.
5. To act as a voice for the University in articulating its position to government, business and the community at large.
6. To champion all communities at OCAD U – faculty, staff, students and alumni.
7. To serve as a honourary member of the Board of Governors, the Senate, and the President’s Advisory Council, participating in meetings at his/her discretion.
8. To chair the Honourary Degrees Selection Committee.
9. To chair the Teaching Awards Selection Committee.
10. To represent the University on the Council of Chancellors of Ontario Universities.
Time commitment:

- The term of office for the Chancellor is four years, commencing on the appointment date at convocation, and may be re-appointed for a second term.

The time commitment will vary depending on the degree of involvement of the Chancellor as attendance in many of the meetings and events is discretionary:

- Required participation in convocation in June of every year
- Required participation in Chairing Honourary Degree and the Teaching Award selection committees (approximately two meetings of each committee every year).
- Required participation in the Council of Chancellors of Ontario Universities (approximately 1-2 meetings every year)
- Meetings (optional attendance): approximately 6 Board of Governors meetings, 8 Senate meetings, 2 President’s Advisory Council meetings;
- Special events include the President’s lecture series (~2 per year); VIP dinners following the lectures; major fundraising events (Project 31 in the Spring and other Ignite Imagination Campaign events); Nuit Blanche at OCAD U; GradEx – year-end graduate show with the Celebrate Excellence Reception; and other student and faculty events.
- Strategic advocacy and advancement meetings attended with the President to be planned in advance with the Chancellor.
- Regular meetings with the President.

Past OCAD University Chancellors:

- Catherine (Kiki Delaney) (2010-2017)