

My name is Amisha Patel and I am honored to be a candidate for the student representative position on the Board of Governors at Thompson Rivers University.

I am a 1st year law student at TRU, and I previously completed my Masters in Nursing at TRU. TRU holds a special place in my heart. I am committed to its future and to enhancing everyday student experience.

I hold a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (2016) from the University of Alberta and have been a Registered Nurse for nearly 8 years. I currently work as a nursing instructor in the community.

My passion for student advocacy and quality improvement has always guided me. I served as a student representative on several TRU committees with the TRUSU Student Caucus. I was also elected on the TRUSU Board of Directors as the Graduate Student Representative and later as the Racialized Persons' Representative. The TRU institutional committees I served on include, the Student Development Faculty Council, Graduate Studies Committee, Accreditation Steering Committee, General Education Taskforce, and Academic Appeals Committee. Through these roles, I have gained valuable insights, skills and knowledge to advocate for student representation in institutional decision making.

Additionally, I am very passionate about system quality improvement, which has lead me to pursue my graduate degree. I developed expertise in healthcare system improvement and health program development, with invaluable knowledge in funding considerations. This knowledge was solidified in my most recent job as a Regional Quality Partner for Fraser Health for long-term care and assisted living, where I gained knowledge in improving effective operations of organizations, efficiency and cost-effectiveness-knowledge that is highly transferrable to the student representative position for the TRU Board of Governors, which deals with institutional financial considerations. Since 2021, I have also applied these skills as a director for the Canadian Mental Health Association Kamloops-branch.

I believe that the student perspective is extremely valuable and requires effective representation at all levels. I would be honoured once again to serve the student body again as the student representative on the Board of Governors.