

Committee: **University of Western Ontario Board of Governors**

Organization/Sector represented: **Citizen of London**

Name: **Lee Smithson**

Occupation: **Small Business Centre General Manager**

Work experience: **I am currently running a small business centre delivering subordinate B lending to businesses, community economic development and business consulting. I have also represented the city of London as Director of Economic Development Life Sciences and entrepreneurship. Prior to the role at LEDC I was Managing director at the Western Research Park and Executive Director of The Stiller Centre, at the time the largest Biotechnology incubator in eastern Canada.**

Education: **I attended Western and achieved an undergraduate degree in Cell Biology and spent 12 years of my career serving the Western Scientific Community as a technical sales manager and Executive Director of the Stiller Centre and Research Park**

Skills: **I have a solid business background that includes sales, business financing, planning and strategy to execution. My knowledge of the national, north American and global life sciences arena should prove valuable to the University and to the city. I have experience and knowledge of some of the specialized and unique methods of operation employed by the University and can ensure city and citizen of London interests are represented**

Interest reason: **I have a long history of working on committees and non profit boards in the city and am currently looking for another opportunity to do so.**

Contributions: **I have experience and knowledge of some of the specialized and unique methods of operation employed by the University and can ensure city and citizen of London interests are represented**

Past contributions: **I served on The foundation board for Museum London, the founding committee for Innovation works, the Advisory committee for Fanshawe's applied Degree in Biotechnology, Steering committee for Pillars first achievement awards gala, co-founder and partner in venture London, I am president of the London Chapter of Keiretsu Forum a globally syndicated Angel investing platform**

Interpersonal: **I have years of experience in sales in a variety of technical fields, working with multiple levels of government on committees and working groups where diverse viewpoints and personalities have been engaged successfully.**

Interview interest: **Yes**