

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

Organization/Sector represented: **None**

Name: **Munir El-Kassem**

Occupation: **Dentist**

Work experience: **I have been in Dental practice since 1986. I also joined Western University as an assistant professor at the faculty of Medicine and Dentistry from 2001 till 2009. I returned to general practice in 2009 and retired 8 months ago.**

Education: **I hold a Masters Degree in Medical Genetics from Western University and a Doctorate in Dental Surgery from UofT.**

Skills: **While at Schulich Dentistry I was a member of the Commission on Dental Accreditation of Canada. This allowed me to become familiar with ten dental schools across Canada. I was also a member of Faculty Council at Schulich and a member of Admissions Committee for Internationally Trained Dentists. I also served on many community based boards and committees for the last fourth years since my arrival in Canada.**

Interest reason: **I have been living in London since 1976 with four years interruption while I was studying at UofT. I feel indebted to my hometown and to my Alma Matar to contribute my skills for a futuristic vision of Western University.**

Contributions: **Based on my experience working on the Commission on Dental Accreditation of Canada, I was exposed to ten different Canadian universities and learnt a great deal about policies and their application in the world of academia. Also my community involvement helped me establish contacts that would help me in being an active member of Westerns Board of Governor. Add to that my history with Western both as a student and as a faculty.**

Past contributions: **I started many programs in London including the multi-faith peace camp, fast a day keep hunger away, outreach programs at Mosques, Churches, Synagogues, Fanshawe, Western and highschoools. I continue to visit schools of TVDSB for general assemblies and single class meetings. I served as a Chaplain with London Police Force and I am also a member of IRC at a financial investment company.**

Interpersonal: **I am a public speaker and a visiting councillor at many community centres across Canada, USA and the Carribean. This allowed me to develop an ability to communicate with thousands of people at a time. I have also conducted workshops where I am described as an effective listener. I am the recipient of the Diamond and Golden Jubilee Awards and the Outstanding Volunteerism Award in the province of Ontario.**

Interview interest: **Yes**