

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

Organization/Sector represented: **Academic/Higher Education**

Name: **Karla Van Kessel**

Occupation: **Senior Manager, Library & Media Services. Fanshawe College**

Work experience: **15 years of leadership experience in health care (LHSC) and post-secondary education (Fanshawe College). 5 years experience as a secondary school educator. 3 years international work experience (Australia and Japan)**

Education: **BA, BEd, MLIS: All conferred at Western I am happy to provide a current CV, if required.**

Skills: **-Budgetary oversight -HR management -Strategic planning -Contract negotiations - Facilities management -Extensive board and committee participation -Research involvement (publications, conference presentations) -Proud Western alumna**

Interest reason: **Western provided me with the skills to be successful both personally and professionally. I want to give back to Western and the City of London.**

Contributions: **I have worked in two large institutions with deep connections to Western University (LHSC and Fanshawe College). I understand the importance of governance and accountability in higher education. As an alumna I have a vested interest in Western's continued success. As a member of Fanshawe's student services senior leadership team, I understand the issues and challenges faced by post-secondary international and domestic students. I have extensive leadership experience and enjoy making interdisciplinary connections across our city.**

Past contributions: **-Current member of Fanshawe College's Research Ethics Board and Research Advisory Committee. -Current Vice Chair of College Libraries Ontario (CLO), stepping into Chair role in summer 2019. -Member of the Ontario Colleges Library Service Advisory Committee.**

Interpersonal: **I have been involved in several committees and projects requiring cultural awareness and intricate communication skills. My international work experience (University of Queensland, Australia and the Okinawa Prefectural government, Japan) have provided me with firsthand knowledge of working with diverse groups with unique backgrounds. I have participated in cultural sensitivity workshops and continue to broaden my understanding of the challenges experienced by our international students at Fanshawe College.**

Interview interest: **Yes**