

**Board of Governors  
Staff Representative Nomination Submission  
Susan Allan, Associate Director  
International Student Initiative**

**1. Personal Statement**

I feel very fortunate to have worked in post-secondary for the last 17 years; nine of those years being here at UBC Okanagan, supporting students in achieving their educational goals through collaboration with colleagues across our campuses. I believe in the benefits we bring to the student body and the University through cooperative innovation and sharing expertise. I appreciate the opportunity to consult with campus partners for their perspectives in order to build robust programming that enhances the student experience and supports the UBC value of a place of excellence. I am hopeful to continue contributing to the University, our students and our community by serving as a representative on the Board of Governors. This is a responsibility to engage, with the big picture in mind, in serving the best interests of the University while working on your behalf to further the experiences of our students, staff and faculty at UBC. My goal is to help inform decisions affecting students and our campus community that shape the campus experience, and to strengthen the positive impact of those decisions on our close knit community while furthering efforts of equity and inclusion. I sincerely appreciate your consideration of me as the UBC Okanagan staff Board of Governors representative, thank you.

**2. Academic Degrees**

Bachelor of Business Administration – Marketing  
Co-operative Education Option  
The University of the Fraser Valley, 2001

Master's of Science in Project Management  
Granite State College, NH, USA  
In progress, completion December 2019

**3. Occupation**

Associate Director  
The International Student Initiative  
The University of British Columbia  
Okanagan Campus  
September 2009 – Present

**4. Offices Held**

Director  
Board of Directors  
Canadian Harambee Education Society  
Kakamega, Kenya and New Westminster, Canada  
2000-2006

Advisor

The International Network of Tomorrow's Leaders

The Canadian Bureau for International Education

2016-2018

Chair

International Scholars Selection Committee

The University of British Columbia

Okanagan Campus

2015 – Present

## **5. Professional Interests**

Exploration and innovation are two passions of mine. I am particularly interested in exploring different possibilities for the evolution of the UBC Okanagan campus. With the launch of the new strategic plan calling for more collaboration, furthering the student experience, and leading as a place to work and learn, my goal is to innovate with the campus community on where we want to go and how we can get there. I believe strongly in building on existing and developing new initiatives that will support our students to be future ready graduates, and showcase our campus and the Okanagan Valley as a destination of choice. My experience working with prospective students, campus partners and the campus leadership has helped inform me as to some of the needs of our campus and enabled me to actively participate in the development of plans for our campus. I hope to further serve in this regard in support of the continued growth of UBC Okanagan.