



## 2. Board Positions

No: 12

**Policy Title:** Liaison, Senate

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### I - POLICY

It is the policy of the Ryerson University Alumni Association (RUAA) that The Senate appoint, from within its cadre, a Liaison to the Board of Directors of the RUAA which Liaison should:

- Be an Alumni as defined in the Constitution of the RUAA
- Be one of the elected Alumni representatives currently serving on the Senate
- Be willing to actively participate in all aspects of the RUAA Board within areas of responsibility
- Be willing to make an annual gift to the Ryerson Annual Fund

### II – COMPETENCIES

The following are provided as an indication of desired competencies:

- Management
  - Experience dealing with the issues and challenges facing volunteer organizations
  - Expertise in dealing with diverse opinions and socio-economic conditions
  - Ability to define and execute Board approved strategies and tactics
- Human Resources
  - Experience in managing human resources within a volunteer organization
  - Demonstrated ability to work with employees of a public institution as a volunteer in a collaborative environment
  - Ability to recognize and support diversity within the community at large, the University at all levels, and the RUAA Board of Directors
- Legal
  - Understanding the legal considerations and issues as they relate to the operation of a volunteer organization within a public institutional environment
- Governance
  - Experience with volunteer operating boards within a public institutional framework
  - Demonstrated ability to articulate a contrarian position in a positive manner
- Marketing and Public Affairs
  - Experience with stakeholder relations and enhancement of brand and image
  - Ability to promote the University's mission and attract support for the University
- Government Relations
  - Understanding of how policy decisions are made at all levels of government
  - Ability to influence policy makers at both the governmental and institutional level

### **III – DESIRED SKILLS**

The following skills are provided as an indication as to the type of individual that can lend great value to the Board of the RUAA

- Advocacy
- Leadership
- Diplomacy
- Listening
- Written and oral communication
- Computer literacy
- Time management

### **IV – DUTIES / RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Liaison, Senate has the responsibility of effectively communicating to the Senate, on a regular basis, on the activities undertaken by the RUAA and to communicate regularly to the RUAA on the Senate's activities of interest to the RUAA:

The Liaison, Senate is expected to:

- Participate as an active Director on the Board of the RUAA
- Directly support activities amongst all Alumni and the RUAA
- Be available as a subject matter expert to advise the RUAA on matters of University policies and Programmes
- Assume a leadership role on special projects of mutual interest

### **V - LINKAGES**

This position has no direct linkages other than to the Senate of the University.

### **VI – OTHER**

As an appointed position, the Liaison, Senate shall serve so long as the Senate shall deem appropriate, provided; however, that the Senate shall confirm the appointment at least annually.