

President Position:

The President of the TRU Faculty Association is elected by the membership at the Annual General Meeting, held each April, and serves for a one-year term. The President chairs the TRUFA Executive Board, serves as an *ex officio* member of all Association standing committees and represents our membership both inside and outside TRU. The primary role of the Association President is to lead and coordinate a collective effort to improve faculty working conditions and maintain the high educational standards of TRU. To achieve these goals, the President must listen to the concerns of individual faculty, consult with Faculties, Schools and departments across campus, and work closely with other B.C. faculty associations through TRUFA's membership in the 10,000 member Federation of Post-Secondary Educators of B.C (FPSE).

As the representative of TRU's 700+ tenured, tenure-track and contract faculty, the President must ensure that the Association works in the best interests of all members. The President must be able to work effectively with the elected representatives on the Executive Board, the Association's decision-making body, and on TRUFA standing committees. The President's role on the Executive is to provide leadership, as well as to balance – at times – conflicting interests, and ensure that the Association fulfills its mandate.

The President, along with the Vice-President, VP—Stewards and VP—Salary & Working Conditions, sits on the Labour Management Consultative Committee, an informal problem-solving and communication forum where issues affecting our members are addressed with TRU administration prior to grievance or bargaining processes. Regular meetings are held with the TRU President, the TRU Provost / Vice President Academic, and other administrators, as well as with representatives from CUPE, the TRU support staff union, and the TRU Student Union. The TRUFA President also represents the Association at TRU Board of Governors and Senate meetings, and acts as a liaison with other TRU-affiliated organizations, including TRU World and the TRU Foundation.

Outside TRU and FPSE, the President represents our membership at the B.C. Federation of Labour, the Canadian Labour Congress (CLC) and the Canadian Association of University Teachers (CAUT). The President also acts as the main spokesperson for the Association in the external community and makes presentations to government committees and other public bodies.

The TRUFA President also has day-to-day responsibility for the management of the TRUFA office and supervises the work on both the full-time TRUFA Confidential Administration Assistant and the part-time TRUFA Communications Assistant. The President is one of three Executive signing officers and, along with the Treasurer, is responsible for financial oversight for the union.

Time Commitment

This is a full-time position involving

- ❖ Fairly regular weekday hours in the TRUFA office or other campus locations
- ❖ Regular attendance and chairing of the two-hour weekly TRUFA Table Officers meeting
- ❖ Regular attendance and chairing of the two-hour twice a month TRUFA Executive Board meetings
- ❖ Occasional attendance at meetings of TRUFA standing committees as an *ex officio* member
- ❖ Attendance at four annual meetings of the FPSE Presidents' Council in Vancouver
- ❖ Teleconferences or e-mail communication with FPSE Presidents' Council sub-committees or *ad hoc* committees
- ❖ Attendance at two meetings of the Canadian Association of University Teachers (CAUT) Council in Ottawa
- ❖ Attendance at the annual Western Regional meeting of universities in October
- ❖ Attendance at monthly Kamloops and District Labour Council meetings
- ❖ Meetings with Williams Lake faculty 2 or 3 times per year.

Release Time

100% release from normal faculty duties