

Association of the Part-Time Professors of University of Ottawa

Dear colleagues,

I am submitting this letter of intent for the vacancies posted for the Board of Directors of the Association. The letter outlines my managing skills, teaching experience, academic strengths, and global network that can all be brought to the Association.

I have been teaching core courses in my department for nine years. This includes first-year obligatory courses and often, second-year and third-year courses. I've had the pleasure of meeting hundreds of students as a result of these courses, many of who follow me to higher-level classes. This has provided me with remarkable experience.

During nine years of teaching at the uOttawa, I have published ten books on timely topics. My last book entitled *Canada and Challenges of International Development and Globalization* (textbook) was shortlisted for the 2019 PROSE Award. Now the book is the second-best textbook in the Social Sciences category in North America.

I have recently completed three new books, expected to be marketed in early 2020. I am working on three ongoing books which are anticipated to be completed by end of 2020, and am working on a new textbook on topics that are truly missing in academia. In addition, I have published articles and chapters in books in English, and recently in Farsi.

I also hold valuable experience built upon long-term and extensive international community engagement. I founded Alternative Perspectives and Global Concerns (APGC) in 2008 (ap-gc.net). This think-tank network has been granted Consultative Status by the UN ECOSOC, and has initiated various events from local to international levels. Leadership experience gained from managing this initiative, vast contacts with like-minded scholars in almost all corners of the world, presenting papers (occasionally as the keynote speaker) in international conferences, organizing local events such as the monthly Dances of Universal Peace, and performing a leading role as the Ambassador of the Parliament of the World's Religions for three consecutive terms, has provided me with new insights that are definitely useful for the Association

This rich experience and knowledge could be shared with the Association in performing its mandate and mission. My plan is to initiate a series of expert meetings to discuss feasible solutions to improve the status of my colleagues, using APGC's Consultative Status with the UN and initiate events on the human and labour rights of the part-time professors, bring the situation to the attention of OECD in which Canada is a member, and initiate a series of books on the role of professors on education as empowerment and human development.

I hope this short explanation of my knowledge, experience, and skills reflect why I am nominating myself for the Board of Directors.

Sincerely,

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