

### PART 3 – NOMINEE STATEMENT

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#### CANDIDATE INTERESTS AND ACTIVITIES

**Staff Name:** Majid Raja

##### INTERESTS AND ACTIVITIES AT CAPILANO

Currently: Elected member of the Capilano U Board of Governors (last term ending Summer 2024); member of the Board's Policy and Governance Committee; instructor of strategy;

Previously: Member and Vice Chair of the Senate; Chair of the Senate Appeals Committee; member of most Senate sub-committees (SCC, SAPPRC, SBAC, and others); member of CapU Board's investment committee; member of Capilano Foundation's Investment Committee; Vice Chair, School of Business; Curriculum Coordinator (Grad), CSB; ACBSP Coordinator, CSB; Director EMBA programme (NUST); NBEAC Accreditation Lead (NUST); Member of SSLC (Warwick); VP Partnerships (Warwick Strategy and Consulting Association)

##### OTHER INTERESTS AND ACTIVITIES

Career in academia: 12 years in post-secondary and executive education in Canada, USA, Pakistan and the UK.  
Overall career: 20 years in diverse settings: management consulting, public finance and capacity building/PSE.  
Areas of academic interest: decision analysis, data science, public policy, innovation and social entrepreneurship.  
Formal education: B.Com., MBA, M.Sc. Operational Research (Warwick).  
Leisure: watching and playing cricket, biking and family time with daughter (9 yo), son (4 yo) and their lovely mum

##### CANDIDATE STATEMENT: (Not required by University Act. Maximum 400 words.)

My time in academia in general and at Capilano University in particular has been highly rewarding.

I have always tried to be mindful of the immense honour and responsibility that comes with being able to work, learn and play at these traditional, unceded lands - in company and service of some amazing people. My work towards supporting academic and administrative governance through the Senate, subcommittees and the Board as summarised in previous sections of this form is an attempt to match my actions with the verbal and written acknowledgement of my privilege.

The best part of the Capilano University's bicameral model has been the diversity of thought and experiences its members bring to the table. The mutual learning, thought exchange and collective wisdom around important academic and strategic decisions have led to many achievements for our university, including continuously improving academic quality, membership of the Universities Canada, multiple accreditations, new programs approval, Envisioning 2030, excellent financial and investment health to name a few. I can recall how the debates on the Senate and the Board helped shape or reshape some of the major decisions of Capilano University.

A long term challenge for both the Board and the Senate of Capilano University has been a heavy-turnover of membership, and this year is not much different. I noticed that the call for Senate elections went out twice without nominations from BPS.

This is an important transitional time for Capilano University given some major societal and technological changes affecting post-secondary education in Canada in general and at Capilano University in particular. This is a time for us to be a lot more thoughtful as well as innovative about academic governance. We need highly motivated representation of BPS at the Senate to fill the shoes of those who are stepping away after their good work in the last 2-3 years.

Given my relevant experience and keen interest in academic governance, and in anticipation of much-needed context and continuity from previous years among so many newly elected Senate members on the table, I am seeking an election to the Capilano University Senate as Faculty of Business and Professional Studies Representative.

I am confident that my experience in program administration, curriculum review, student affairs; policy review and consensus building will be useful in the institutional academic governance at the Senate.

With gratitude,  
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