



**Winter 2015 Governing Council By-Election
Student Candidates' Statements**

Voting Period: Monday, January 26, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. to Friday, February 6, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

Online voting will take place on ROSI (www.rosi.utoronto.ca) and through a secured website for post graduate medical trainees.

Full-Time Undergraduate Students – Constituency II (Professional Faculties)

<p>Faizan Akbani</p> <p>Hello everyone. I hope you're all off to a great new year and have an exciting semester ahead. It was my utmost pleasure to serve as the Mechanical representative on the Engineering Society this year. Being a part of EngSoc provided me with a deeper understanding of the problems we face as students. It has also been an incredible experience in governance. But now it's time for change. It's time to expand our horizons and represent the student body on a larger platform. I'm excited to work with fellow student leaders and the Governing Council to mould a brighter future.</p>	<p>Vikki Bekiaris</p> <p>As an active fourth year student in the Concurrent Teachers' Program for Kinesiology and Physical Education, I will be a strong voice for professional students at Governing Council. As current President of the Greek Students' Association and former Executive of the KPEUA Social Committee, I have been involved in social and academic aspects of the student experience. I want to ensure that professional students have access to more inclusive academic policies including grading and academic accommodations as well as better access to elective programs for those who want to pursue interdisciplinary study. On January 26-February 6 vote VIKKI BEKIARIS on ROSI. www.facebook.com/votevikki</p>
<p>Adam Dmytriw</p> <p>My name is Dr. Adam Dmytriw and I am a resident in the department of Medical Imaging. I hope to serve as a unifying voice on the Governing Council using my work ethic and extensive experience. As an undergraduate in Toronto, I served as VP of the Life Sciences course union and then as LGBTQ Welfare Officer at the University of Oxford. At Dalhousie Medical School, I received graduating commendations for dedication to the faculty. My promise is that I will champion academia and progressiveness, committing myself to maintaining the University of Toronto as foremost in the country.</p>	<p>Sam (Han Jung) Kim</p> <p>2014-2015 will be my 5th academic year at the University of Toronto. After spending too much time at Robarts during my undergraduate degree, I decided I missed it enough to come back. If I've learned anything so far, it's that the university is as bureaucratic of an institution as it gets. For some unknown reason I love it. I've served on two committees students voted me onto (Curriculum Committee for Artsci / Students' Law Society) which taught me that students will vote for just about anyone, no matter how unqualified. Now that I have qualifications, it should be easier, right?</p>

<p>Mathias Memmel</p> <p>As the Co-President of the Faculty of Music Undergraduate Association, I've had the pleasure of meeting students from all colleges and disciplines and I've had the privilege of working with my fellow leaders on issues relating to equity, disclosure and accountability over the last three years. I've been a student of the Faculty of Arts and Science and a Professional Faculty and I can say that the Professional Faculties are a unique experience at U of T that is worthy of preservation. As a representative, I will be resolved to provide active stewardship and advocacy for the benefit of Pro-Facs.</p>	<p>Peter Nash</p> <p>Currently in 5th year of Concurrent Education at OISE and Don at Victoria College, Peter is well-versed on student matters. A passionate student voice in university affairs after being president of the Intramural Sports Council, and a representative on the Council of Athletics and Recreation, which deals with strategic planning across all athletic curricular matters. Peter's leadership at U of T consists of 5 years of student government experience in the roles of Athletic Coordinator and Chief Financial Officer. Peter has been an Orientation Coordinator and Executive member. Peter has a passion for the advancement of U of T.</p>
<p>Manujaa Thilageswaran</p> <p>Hello, my name is Manujaa Thilageswaran and I am a civil engineering student at the University of Toronto. If elected to be part of the Governing Council, I will work to ensure the interests of the students are protected. All projects and policies that are approved will be done for the greater good of the University. In addition, I will work to make sure that any decisions that are made are rational with all available facts being considered and discussed. Thank you for your time and I hope you vote for me to represent you.</p>	<p>Eleanor Vaughan</p> <p>I am a second-year student in the Faculty of Law and seek to fill the seat on Governing Council previously held by a classmate. We as professional students face unique challenges – rising tuition, mental health struggles, and post-graduation employment prospects – that need a voice before the highest levels of university governance. As a representative to the Students' Law Society for the past two years, I have advocated alongside my classmates on these and other issues, including financial aid and curricular reform. I ask for your vote to ensure that professional students continue to have a respectful yet principled voice.</p>

Andrew Watt

Greetings Constituency Two. I have been a surgical trainee at U of T since 2008, and have extensive committee experience within the Faculty of Medicine. During residency I have also assisted with the development of educational material at both the undergraduate and postgraduate level. As a medical student I was the Vice President of the Student's Union. My areas of interest lie in professional regulation and professional responsibility, and as a constituency of future professionals I believe that our voice at Governing Council is both a unique and important one. As your representative I will ensure that it is heard. URL: see me on LinkedIn