



**2015 Governing Council Elections
Student Candidates Statements**

Voting Period: Monday, February 9, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. to Friday, Friday February 20, 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)

Faizan Akbani 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.	Vikki Bekiaris 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 February 9-20 vote VIKKI BEKIARIS on ROSI. www.facebook.com/votevikki
Mathias Memmel 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.	Avineet (Vinny) Randhawa There really isn't much that can be said in statements like this, so I'll keep it short and meaningful. Although our faculty rivalries are fun, UofT is very decentralized so I'll advocate injecting more effort into creating more campus-wide events and the like. And, although you're probably tired of hearing this by now, I'll ensure every engineer and professional program has a voice on the campus-wide scale. Finally, being from Vancouver, you can believe I've got a vested interest in ensuring campus-life is as great as it can be. Thanks for voting!

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Riaz Sayani-Mulji As an active student in UT Law, I believe Governing Council needs to emphasize affordability and accessibility. We've seen massive tuition rises over the last 20 years, with no end in sight. In addition to the financial burden and corresponding mental health effects, high tuition fees constrain which fields professional students enter upon graduation, as serving the public good becomes less feasible with our debt load. With my experience in student politics and advocacy organizations, I have the tools to effectively represent students across all three UofT campuses at Governing Council. Vote RIAZ for Governor from Feb 9-20 on ROSI. www.facebook.com/voteriaz	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
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